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UK trade plunges into deficit

A large drop in exports contributed to a significant fall in Britain's balance of trade last month, as a surplus of £335m in December turned into a deficit of £132m. But a record surplus of £480m in "invisibles" ensured a positive balance of payments on current account of £348m — only half December's total. Page 11

Strike threat to National bets

Betting shop staff of Coral Racing, which normally handles more than £2.5m in bets on the Grand National, have been told to hold a one-day strike today by the Transport and General Workers'Union after the breakdown of pay talks. Runners, page 15; Aintree brigade, back page

Lambeth bans police poster

The police have been refused permission to display crime prevention posters in buildings owned by Lambeth Borough Council, which is controlled by Labour. The council leader said the posters were too vague to use so near the Brixton riots anniversary.

CEGB chairman to lose job

The Government will not renew Mr Glyn England's contract as chairman of the Central Electricity Generating Board when it expires on May 8. He accused successive governments yesterday of pushing up electricity prices and causing greater inefficiency in the industry Page 11

Call for more playgroups



Lady Plowden, chairman of the government committee which reported in 1967 in favour of expanding nursery education, said that the report was out-dated before it was implemented, and called instead for more playgroups Page 2

Detective jailed for 20 years

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Judge rejects court politics

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Up for the Cup

Two second division sides attempt to upstage first division opponents today in the semi-finals of the FA Cup. Leicester City face the holders, Tottenham Hotspur, and Queen's Park Rangers play West Bromwich Albion.

Saturday Review

We regret that the Saturday Review has been truncated this week due to production difficulties.

Carrington expels Argentine envoys

British fleet ready for Falklands

By David Cross

The British government last night broke off diplomatic relations with Argentina in protest at its seizure of the British colony of the Falkland Islands in the south Atlantic.

Mr John Nott, the Defence Secretary, announced that a substantial task force of British naval ships was being prepared. He told a press conference at the Foreign Office that they had been at sea for some "considerable period of time." He could not reveal their position.

Argentina's Charge d'Affaires in London was summond to the Foreign Office to be told that he and his staff would have to get out of Britain within four working days. This followed a day of conflicting reports about the fate of the islands, which have been a British colony for nearly 150 years.

An official communique published by the military Government in Buenos Aires late yesterday announced that it had "recovered" the islands after exhausting diplomatic efforts to find a peaceful settlement to the long dispute over their sovereignty.

Reports of exactly how the invasion was carried out were sketchy and based almost entirely on Argentine press reports. According to these, the islands were captured by a combined operation carried out by land, sea and air.

An Argentine state television channel claimed that one of its military officers had been killed and two injured during the attack.

The same television station also reported that there were no casualties among the force of about 80 British marines now stationed in the islands. There are normally 40 British troops on the islands but a replacement unit joined them a few days ago.

Later, Señor Nicanor Costa Mendez, the Argentine Foreign Minister, admitted that "some bloodshed" may have occurred during the invasion. He expressed great satisfaction over the fact that the attack too place "as peacefully as possible" and added: "There was no bloodshed, or practically none".

Throughout yesterday, before the invasion was officialy confirmed, frantic attempts were underway to mediate in the dispute before the situation worsened further. President Reagan spoke for about an hour with President Leopoldo Galtieri of Argentina, urging him to exercize restrait.

Invaders' flag flies in Port Stanley

In a pooled and censored dispatch from Port Stanley, Simon Winchester of *The Sunday Times* reported late on Friday that the Argentinian flag was flying over Government House on Port Stanley.

"I understand the British Governor will be flying to Buenos Aires tonight.

"The action began at 0600 and ended at 0900 (local time) and quite a few Argentinian troops were involved. None of the British or any of the Royal Marines has been injured although three Argentinians were hurt during the invasion. There have been a lot of troops in the streets although there is a curfew and it is very peaceful here now. Some people have been brought into town but there are still some residents free in the outlying areas."

Later the American administration deplored the use of force by the Argentine authorities and appealed to them to withdraw their forces out.

In London, Mrs Thatcher and ministers cancelled many of their engagements to stay close to their desks where they could monitor the development situation. Mrs Thatcher cancelled a meeting with Dr Richard von Weizsacker, the Chief Burgomaster of West Berlin who is visiting Britain, and chaired an emergency meeting of the cabinet.

Members of Parliament were told that there will be a special session of the House of Commons today to discuss the crisis. It will be the first time that the House has met on a Saturday since the Suez crisis 26 years ago.

The crisis has also led to the cancellation of a crucial EEC meeting in Brussels which was called to resolve the long-running dispute between Britain and its Community partners over the size of its contribution to the budget. Lord Carrington told his colleagues in the Community that he would be unable to attend.

In New York, the United Nations Security Council interrupted a scheduled debate on Nicaragua for a further debate on the dispute. In an appeal issued late on Thursday night, the Security Council had called on both Argentina and Britain to refrain from the use or threat of force and urged the two countries to seek a diplomatic solution to their dispute.

Sir Anthony Parsons, who had asked the United Nations to intervene when it became clear that Argentina was planning an invasion, said that Britain would take heed of the appeal but the Argentine representative would give no such commitment

A few hours later the Argentine media began reporting that Argentine land, sea and air forces had launched an invasion of the islands shortly before dawn yesterday.

Newspapers and news agencies said that the operation had begun with seizure of the airport at Port Stanley, the capital of the island by Argentine commandos. According to these reports, the airport and the barracks of the British marines in the islands were taken without resistance.

Late yesterday morning, however, Mr Humphrey Atkins, Lord Carrington's deputy at the Foreign Office, told the House of Commons that he had been in touch with the British Governor in the Falklands half an hour earlier and that the Govenor has not been able to confirm the reports of the inasion.

Other statements by senior Goverment officials to members of Parliament and the press throughout the day repeated the same message. It was not until 6pm that Lord Carrington and Mr Nott went before the world's press to announce that the invasion had indeed taken place.

British rule in the Falklands date from 1832-33 when two British warships visited the islands and expelled the remnents of an Argentine garrison. Britain has ruled the islands without interruption ever since.

☐ Osvaldo Ardiles and Ricardo Villa, the two Argentine footballers who play for Tottenham Hotspur, are expected to turn out as normal today against Leicester City in the FA Cup semi-final at Villa Park, Birmingham. Ardiles is due to go home on Sunday to join Argentine colleagues in their World Cup build-up.

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First weekend sitting since the Suez crisis

Commons angry over invasion

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

In a political and military crisis without parallel since the Suez operation of 1956, Mrs Margaret Thatcher will today face a hostile House of Commons, demanding to know why British interests in the Falkland Islands have not been protected.

The emergency sitting of the Commons will be the first on a Saturday since November 3, 1956. It was arranged immediately after news of the Argentine invasion of the Falklands had been confirmed.

Earlier, in the Commons, Mr John Silkin, the Labour party's chief defence spokseman, and other MPs had demanded that the House should sit today if the invasion was confirmed.

The Government is in deep trouble with its own backbenchers, as well as all the Opposition parties. There is a sense of humiliation among Conservative MPs that a Government which came to power with a commitment to strengthen the nation's defence policy could not prevent the invasion of one of its few remaining overseas territories. There is also a sense of anger over what is regarded as a tardy response to a threat which became apparent more than six weeks ago, and feeling of great irritation that the Commons was not informed of the invasion before it rose at 3 pm yesterday, even though reports that it had taken place had been circulating long before then.

There are expected to be calls from the Opposition in the Commons today for the resignation of Mr John Nott, the Secretary of State for Defence. Rumours circulating in Whitehall that he had offered his resignation at yesterday morning's emergency session of the Cabinet were described at last night's press conference as "ridiculous and quite untrue" by Mr Nott.

Earlier, Mr Silkin had said: "I think Mr Nott has very great cause to consider his position. We had a month to see this happening. It ought not to have happened".



Lord Carrington leaving No 10 yesterday.

Mr Silkin said that the Opposition would be considering tabling a vote of censure next week against the Government over the failure of its defence and foreign policy.

Last night's announcement followed a day of continuous ministerial meetings. Mrs Thatcher returned to Downing Street late Thursday night from Windsor Castle, where she had been the guest of the Queen, after the Government received evidence that Argentine naval forces were preparing an assault on the Falklands.

During the night Ministers were told of the emergency Cabinet meeting planned for yesterday morning. The meeting, which lasted about an hour, was attended by the First Sea Lord, Admiral Sir Henry Leach, and the Chief of the Air Staff, Air Marshal Sir Michael Beetham.

Shortly afterwards, at 11am, Mr Humphrey Atkins, the Lord Privy Seal, made a statement in the Commons which received broad support from all parts of the House. He said that the Government was taking appropriate military and diplomatic measures to sustain British rights under international law.

During the day, however, as more and more reports came from Argentina that the invasion had taken place, MPs grew increasingly restive at the absence of official confirmation from the Government. Some of them appeared suspicious that the Government, for reasons best known to itself, was deliberately withholding the news until after the House rose.

Suspicions intensified after Mr Francis Pym, the Leader of the House, made another statement at 2.30 pm, shortly before the House rose, stating that there had been no confirmation of any change in the situation.

Mr Silkin said it was extraordinary that, with so much information coming in, the Foreign Office should not be able to say what was going on. Mr Pym promised that if there was an invasion the House would be recalled.

Today's three-hour emergency debate, starting at 11 am, is expected to be opened by the Prime Minister. Mr Michael Foot, the Labour leader, was travelling back from Europe last night to be present.

Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader, said in Edinburgh that the danger of overloading Britain's defence budget with the Trident programme was now obvious to everyone.

Mr Steel went on: "The Falkland Islanders are the first to have to bear witness to the Government's faulty sense of priorities. We have been found unready to defend this small territory while planning for a future British-owned nuclear strike force".

Dr David Owen, one of the SDP leaders, was Labour Foreign Secretary at the time of the last crisis in the Falklands, when a naval task force was sent to the area. He said yesterday, before the invasion was confirmed, that if it turned out that British navel forces were not there in sufficient strength there would have to be a "massive inquiry".



Flag day: Crowds in Buenos Aires celebrating Argentina's occupation of the Falkland islands.

Junta proclaims 'recovery of Malvinas'

From Andrew McLeod, Buenos Aires, April 2

Argentine forces have occupied the Falkland (Malvinas) islands, the ruling military Junta announced in a communiqué. General Alfredo Saint Jean, the Interior Minister, said that General Benjam3in Menéndez had been appointed Govenor of the islands.

The communiqué said that, in a joint military operation, "the Malvinas, Georgias and South Sandwich islands have been recovered". Argentine sovereignty over sea and air space in the area had been "assured". the communiqué said.

The Junta called for a "collective effort" and the "help of God" to "convert into reality the legitimate rights of a people which had been prudently and patiently postponed for almost 150 years".

Argentina awoke to radio jingles proclaiming that the islands now belonged to Argentina. Newspapers were printed with blue and white stripes — the national colours — across the front pages.

At 11 am today, the Armed Forces announced that the first stage of Operation Malvinas had been completed, with the landing of marines and Hercules C130 aircraft, flying in army personnel. Mr Rex Hunt, the Govenor of the Falkland islands, and British marines stationed on the islands have surrendered to the Argentine landing forces, according to navy sources.

The operation began at midnight, with commandos and Navy frogmen seizing port installations in Port Stanley and other strategic points. As the commandos headed for the airport, the transport ship, Cabo San Antonio, carrying 700 men and several armoured vehicles, entered Port Stanley.

Señor Nicanor Costa Méndez, the Foreign Minister, said Argentina's next step would be to inform the United Nations of the operation. "It is not an invasion, but the recovery of territory which is ours", Señor Costa Méndez said.

At 9.45 am, the Government issued a statement guarranteeing the security of Britons and British interests in Argentina and the South Atlantic Islands. The Government would employ the "full weight of the law" in the event of any "action or offence taken against British nationals, symbols or beliefs, in accordance with the Argentine constitution", the statement said.

At 10am, another Government communiqué stated that "a long series of fruitless negotiations to obtain what Argentina has always considered to be its patrimony has ended".

As around 2,000 flag-waving, cheering people gathered outside Government House in the Plaza de Mayo, the Government announced that President Leopoldo Galtieri had ordered the release of all people still being held as a result of an anti-Government demonstration on Tuesday.

Politicians and trade unions unanimously acclaimed the recovery of the islands for Argentina. The General Confederation of Labour (CGT) postponed a decision on a national strike that it was to call as a protest against police suppression of the anti-Government demonstration.

Señor Carlos Contin, the Radical Party leader, said his party would back "any measure" taken to recover the islands. But he warned that "the ideal thing would be to avoid a confrontation with Great Britain. But let ther be no doubt," Contin said, "that we are going to back the Government beyond any discrepancies that we may have over the measures taken."

High Court refuses inquest on nurse

By Frances Gibb

A three-year fight by Mr Ronald Smith to obtain an inquest into the death of his daughter at an illegal drinking party in Saudi Arabin ended in defeat at the High Court in London yesterday.

Lord Justice Ormrod and Mr Justice Forbes rejected an application by Mr Smith, who believes his daughter was murdered, against the decision of Mr Philip Gill, the West Yorkshire Coroner, not to hold an inquest and refused to order that one be held.

They ruled that coroners have no power to hold inquests where the death has occured overseas. Where such inquests have been held, largely for the benefit of the deceased's relatives, they were held without jurisdiction, the judges said.

The decision ends, for the time being at least, a legal battle which began when the body of Miss Helen Smith, a nurse aged 23, was found outside a block of flats occupied by staff of the hospital where she worked in Jiddah on May 20, 1979.

Mr Smith, a former policeman of Guiseley, near Leeds, brought her body back to England in June, 1980. Since when it had been in a Leeds mortuary, and he has contested the version of event given by the Foreign Office and Saudi authorities that his daughter and a Dutch tug captain accidentally fell to their deaths during sexual horseplay on the balcony of the top-floor flat.

After hearing the verdict of the court, which he did not attend, Mr Smith said yesterday: "I am not beaten yet. I can promise the matter will not end here. I am determined to make sure the facts of this case emerge one day."

Mr Gill, whose decision last August not to hold an inquest on the ground that Miss Smith's death was outside the jurisdiction of an English court, said yesterday: "I have been purely concerned with my legal position and the court has shown the decision I took to be the right one."

Dr John Burton, secretary of the Coroners' Society, who was with Mr Gill in court, said the decision clarified the law.

But the ruling will cause concern among some coroners. They will not be able to help relatives, as they sometimes did, to obtain documents needed for the burial of a body which is returned from abroad without any documents.

Largest oil platform in North Sea accident

By Jonathan Davis, Energy Correspondent

Oil company engineers were struggling to avert financial disaster in the North Sea yesterday after the complex operation to install the 610 foot high 4,000 ton Magnus oil production platform on the seabed went wrong.

Several 7 foot diameter hollow steel piles fell off the production platform as it was being manouevred into an upright position on the seabed 125 miles north-east of the Shetland Islands. The operation was suspended leaving the platform, the single largest structure ever built in Britain, floating precariously at an angle of 20 degrees from vertical between 25 and 30 feet above the seabed.

British Petroleum, the project operator, said its engineers were trying to recover the piles, each one weighing 350 tonnes, from the seafloor with the help of cranes.

If that failed it would have new piles made. "We see no risk to the Magnus structure", a company spokesman said.

The mishap is extremely serious: Magnus is the most northerly oil field yet developed in the North Sea, and winds of up to 80mph and 80 foot waves are not uncommon.

Rebel smokers force BR into tactical retreat

By David Hewson

British Rail has abandoned its attempt to make train buffets smokeless zones, except for the gentle passengers of Western Region who appear to have taken the restriction to their hearts.

The ban was introduced on Western Region six months ago and British Rail thought it was so successful that it extended it to Southern Region last Monday and was planning to introduce it elsewhere later.

Four days after the rule was introduced to the London commuting public, British Rail found itself inundated with complaints and faced with a widespread refusal to comply with the ban has, accordingly, decided to give-in, although the rule will stay on Western Region.

"The reason it went wrong was that we introduced it primarily on short-distance commuter trains where the buffet is basically used as a pub," British Rail said yesterday. "People had a drink and wanted a smoke as well. There were some people who congratulated us on our stand, but there was also a considerable public outcry so we have reversed it."

Instead, a modified version of the ban will be tried, with smoking forbidden at the buffet counter but allowed elsewhere in the carriage.

In the Commons, an early-day amendment criticizing the ban attracted the signatures of 22 MPs. Mr David Simpson, director of the anti-smoking group Action on Smoking and Health (ASH), said yesterday, however, that opinion polls had indicated much support for more restrictions on smoking, even among smokers.

Transport and restaurants were areas of particular concern. "I am very sad that British Rail did not feel in a strong enough position to continue the experiment," he said.

NEWS IN SUMMARY

Train driver hit in face by brick

Mr Edward Purslow, aged 60, a train driver, was in hospital with head and facial injuries yesterday after being struck by half a brick thrown through his cab window (Arthur Osman writes). His condition was said to be comfortable as the police searched for the youths thought to have thrown the missile from a bridge or from the trackside at Portobello, on the line between Wolverhampton and Walsall, West Midlands.

The incident happened on Thursday night.

Mr Burslow, of Wednesfield, West Midlands, stopped the train and warned signalmen before he collapsed. There were 20 passengers on the train. Inspector Vernon Bell, of British Rail police, said: "This was wheer vandalism by hooligans and it is a problem that is increasing. This could have caused a disaster."

Mrs Mary Purslow said her husband had had 18 stitches. She added that a similar attack had been made on him near Rugby a year ago although he was not hurt.

King's Cross strike over



Services to and from King's Cross, London, were back to normal last night after a 36-hour strike by train crews in protest at the suspension on Thursday of Mr Steven Forey (above), branch secretary of the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen (Donald Macintyre writes). Mr Forey, suspended after refusing to attend a meeting with an area manager without a witness being present, was reinstated on Thursday night.

Drivers and guards voted to return to work at 8 am yesterday, too late to prevent the cancellation of about three quarters of commuter services to King's Cross and Moorgate.

Mason-Dixon map record

The original drawing of the western section of the Mason-Dixon line by Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon was sold by Christie's in New York on Thursday for $396,000 or £220,000 (estimate $40,000 to $60,000). The price is the highest paid for a map. It was bought by Malcom Forbes Jnr for the Forbes Museum (Our Sale Room Correspondent writes).

The famous Mason-Dixon line, which became in spirit if not in fact the frontier between the North and South was surveyed and drawwn by Mason and Dixon between 1765 and 1767 as the boundary between the Provinces of Maryland and Pennsylvania.

Scottish rape charge

Three Glasgow teenagers charged with raping and assaulting a woman aged 30 appeared at Glasgow Sheriff Court yesterday and were granted bail. They appeared in private before Sheriff Lockhart after a High Court judgment on Thursday allowing the alleged victim, to take out a private prosecution. They were Joseph Sweeney, aged 18, his brother, Gordon Sweeney, aged 16, and John Thomson, aged 16, all of Barrowfield Street, Parkhead, Glasgow.

RUC detective is given 20 years for bank robbery

From Richard Ford, Belfast

A Special Branch detective in the Royal Ulster Constabulary was cleared of murdering a village policeman yesterday, but jailed for 20 years for an armed robbery at a bank.

Det Sergeant Charles McCormick was acquitted of 24 charges in Belfast Crown Court at the end of a trial described by Mr Justice Murray as "by any standards one of the most extraordinary if not unique cases."

Mc Cormick, aged 45, sat impassively in the dock as the judge gave his hour long judgment before jailing him on the robbery charge and concurrently for five years on each of the robbery charges of hijacking and possessing arms in connexion with the bank raid at Cushendall in 1974 in which £3,048 was stolen.

The judge said it would be dangerous to convict the Special Branch officer with 22 years' experience in the RUC on the uncorroborated evidence of the Crown's chief prosecution witness, Anthony O'Doherty, a self-confessed republican informer, known to the police as agent 294. But he added that on four charges there was corroborative evidence.

Sentencing McCormick, who spent 20 months in solitary confinement at Crumlin Road jail while awaiting trial, the judge said O'Doherty was serving 15 years in prison for his part in the bank robbery.

"Your punishment in my view must be greater. You were the instigator of the offence and the criminality of your offence is greatly magnified by the fact that you were a policeman", the judge told McCormick.

Any issue that has been raised by the case, which involved the evidence of an informer, is where does it leave other trials likely to begin within the next few months after recent arrests on information given by so called "supergrasses" and other informers.

During the 17-day trial the Crown alleged that between 1974-77 McCormick and O'Doherty, aged 32, who had been recruited by the RUC Special Branch, had taken part in a series of crimes culminating in the murder of Sergeant Campbell, shot dead outside Cushendall police station.

Sergeant Campbell, it was claimed, was murdered because he either knew or suspected that the men were respondible for a series of robberies.

Court not for party politics, judge says

By David Walker

The Divisional Court judge who recently dismissed a challenge by Conservative councillors to the Greater London Council's 1982-83 budget yesterday criticized attempts to use the courts for party political purposes.

Mr Justice McNeill, giving his reasons for upholding the GLC against the Conservative-controlled borough of Kensington and Chelsea, complained of "issues for the hustings and not for the court", and "party superficialities dressed up as points of law". He added: "The proper remedy on such issues is the ballet box, not the court."

Mr Justice McNeill expressed resentment at the courts having become an arena for councillors of one party to score points off others. What Kensington Council had asked him would merely have "given some politician a catchphrase and to that I am not prepared to lend judicial authority".

He said that affidavits to the court from Mr Roy Webber, the chief executive of Kensington, had been unconvincing and wondered whether he had been pushed by the party political considerations of councillors.

Kensington had challenged the GLC over £30m item in its budget for a contingency reserve and a £4.6m item to subsidize rents of former GLC properties now owned by the London boroughs. Mr Justice McNeill found both items legal and proper and refused Kensington's request to squash the 1982 precept issued by the GLC.

"To quash the precept and so to deprive London of funds would to my mind have been outrageous," he said. Even if the two items challenged had been found illegal they were too small in relation to the GLC's total budget to justify striking down the entire precept.

The GLC's contingency reserve was legal because proper steps had been followed by the committees and the council. In the circumstances of uncertainty surrounding the Government's local finance plans, such a reserve was quite reasonable. Besides, the judge said, "the GLC took highly qualified legal and professional advice and acted upon it".

The judge praised Mr Maurice Stonefrost, the GLC's comptroller of finance, and spoke of his "admirable and clear account of the budgeting process," calling him a highly experienced man of great distinction giving the least tendentious evidence. Mr Webber was compared unfavourably with him.

Last night Mr Nicholas Freeman, leader of Kensington council, said an appeal would be considered.



The Prince and Princess preparing to paint the dragon's eye yesterday.

A Chinese dream, royally realized

The Prince and Princess of Wales sampled some of the delights of the Pagoda a Hundred Harmonies in Liverpool's Chinatown yesterday (John Chartres writes). They included phoenix-tail prawns with spring onions, fried duckling with jasmin and chicken in yellow bean sauce, and folk dances.

The occasion was the official opening of the £250,000 pagoda-style community centre for the 10,000 Chinese people of Merseyside, believed to comprise the oldest community of its kind in Europe. The Prince and Princess met about 200 of them, some descended from the crews of British ships recruited after the cession of Hongkong in 1841.

The pagoda, partly funded by the Inner City Partnership, is the realization of a dream of Mr Brian Wang, aged 32, from Taiwan, a community liaison officer who has been striving to give *young people better opportunities for* education and entry into the professions, and to break out from the world of fish-and-chip shops and takeaways.

His wife, Mrs Nora Wang, aged 30, is expecting a baby next month and discussed it with the Princess over a lunch prepared by cooks from two of the city's Chinese restaurants. "We talked quite a lot about the sort of things that ladies like us do talk about", she said.

Before leaving the couple each painted a pupil on the electric eyes of a golden dragon

No pardon for the mutineers of Salerno

The British soldiers convicted of mutiny at Salerno, Italy, in 1943 were not cowards, Mr Jerry Wiggin, Under-Secretary of State for the Armed Forces, said yesterday. But he ruled out a pardon for the men or a review of their case.

His comments were made in a letter to Mr Alfred Morris, Labour MP for Manchester, Wythenshawe, who raised the case with the Ministry of Defence after the soldier's plight was highlighted some weeks ago in a BBC television programme.

The programme said the men, many now living in Scotland and the north of England, were embittered by the taint of cowardice clinging to their names. They had served in the Eighth Army in North Africa and had won campaign medals for gallantry, but after the court martia some had not received their campaing medals or war pensions.

Mr Wiggin said the Government ha no wish to add to their suffering. It was not the ministry which had exposed them to the public gaze. "In no instance to my knowledge have the Ministry of Defence or the Army authorities ever remotely accused those concerned of any acts of cowardice.

"Nothing could be further from the truth since, clearly, from their previous service in North Africa, no such charge could possibly obtain."

He could not agree, however, to recommend that the men should be pardoned or that the findings and sentence of the court martial should be further reviewed. It would not be right to wipe the slate entirely clean.

"There are no grounds for doing so which could not be applied to many other mutineers and deserters from the last and other wars, nor which would not denigrate the actions of the many millions who fought bravely and obeyed orders at all times when called upon to do so", he wrote.

In all, 192 men were arrested in a field at Salerno accused of refusing to obey orders. According to the ministry, 189 were convicted.

The privates were sentenced to seven years' penal servitude, the corporals to 10 years, and three sergeants were sentenced to death. The sentences were suspended, but in some cases, for later misconduct, they were reactivated.

The television programme said the men, some wounded, were promised a return to their units but the promise was broken and they were drafted as reinforcements to Salerno. They admitted disobeying an order, but denied it was mutiny.

The minister said there was nothing in the records to suggest that the men were misled about their eventual destination.

Alliance still gaining, but more sedately

By Our Political Staff

Liberal and Social Democratic candidates continued to make gains in local government by-elections this week, but alliance organizers confirmed that the trend shown in national opinion polls was reflected in the results.

"At the end of last year we were winning everything in the tide of the national swing in favour of the alliance," a spokesman said. "Now the best results come from constituencies where we are very active."

In the Alphington and St Thomas ward of Devon County Council, where last May's voting was challenged in the High Court and a new election was ordered,the candidate won the from the Conservatives. The week's results included the following:

Devon County Ccl, Alphington and St Thomas ward: L gain from C. Hart Dist Ccl, Hants, Hook ward: Ind held. Kennet Dist Ccl, Marlborough E ward: L gain from Ind. NW Leics Dist Ccl, Coalville C ward: Lab held. S Wight Dist Ccl, Wroxall ward: L gain from Ind and previously uncontested by L. Tyne and Wear County Ccl, Hetton No 2 Div: Lab held.

Warrington Dist Ccl, Culcheth and Glazebury ward: SDP-L gain from C. Blyth Valley Dist Ccl, Cowpen ward: Lab unopposed. Blyth Valley Dist Ccl, Kitty Brewster ward: Lab gain from SDP (formerly ILP) (After the dispute in the local Labour Party over the future of Mr Edward Milne, Lab MP for Blyth (1960-74), a breakaway group stood as ILP, they later joined the SDP). Taunton Deane Dist Ccl, Bishp's Mole ward: C gain from Lab.

Mr Cyril Smith, Liberal MP for Rochdale, who is responsible for Liberal Party publicity, yesterday urged Liberals contesting the local elections on May 6 to describe themselves as "Liberal-SDP Alliance".

He added: "I appreciate that this advice is slightly contrary to that being offered by the Association of Liberal Councillors; they have expressed a preference for 'Liberal Alliance'". But he thought it essential that "we get a common pattern in this matter and show that our two parties are campaigning together throughout the country".

□ Negotiators for the Liberals and Social Democrats have agreed a provisional division of the 30 parliamentary seats in Greater Manchester which they will fight in alliance at the next general election. Agreement was reached on the basis of revised boundaries proposed by the Boundary Commission, which are subject to confirmation (Our Political Staff writes).

The Liberals will fight: Hazel Grove; Cheadle; Davyhulme; Altrincham and Sale; Manchester, Blackley; Manchester, Gorton, Manchester, Wythenshawe, Stalybridge and Hyde; Rochdale; Bury, North; Oldham, West; Littleborough and Saddleworth; Wigan, North-West; Wigan, South-West.

The SDP will fight: Stockport; Denton and Reddish; Ashton under Lyne; Stretford; Manchester, Withington; Manchester Ardwick; Bury, South; Oldham, Central; Heywood and Middleton; Bolton, North-West; Leigh; Salford, North-East.

Recovery will last, Brittan tells Tories

By Philip Webster

The Government's new-found optimism about prospects for the economy was pressed home in speeches by Treasury ministers last night.

Mr Leon Brittan, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, told Brigg and Scunthorpe Conservative Association, that there were good reasons to believe that the real gains of three difficult years would not be lost.

He listed the achievements as a 10 per cent rise in manufacturing industry's competitiveness, a 1 per cent rise in gross domestic product from the spring of last year, a dramatic slowdown in rate of increase in unemployment and falling inflation and interest rates.

Using the sort of language which Mr Francis Pym appeared to deprecate some weeks ago, Mr Britan went on: "Those who still refuse to see that the fruits of recovery are on the way should open their eyes and look again: the signs are all around them and this time recovery is going to last."

Fears over auction of Exmoor land

By Craig Seton

Conservationists fear that within four months, 2,200 acres of land in the heart of Exmoor could be sold for agricultural improvement unless up to £700,000 is raised to keep it as it is.

The land is to be auctioned, possibly in four lots, by the Fortescue family of Filleigh in Devon in August to enable a daughter to acquire her entitlement to a share of the estate.

A guide price of between £600,000 and £700,000 has been set for the property, which was designated as of high landscape value under Lord Porchester's recommendations or special conservation areas. About 250 acres of the sale land have been proved for agricultural use and 500 acres are regarded as improvable, although some people consider that most of the land for sale could be reclaimed or agriculture.

Mr Leonard Curtis, the Exmoor National Park officer, said yesterday that his authority clearly wished to conserve the land that was for sale.

Mr Guy Somerset, chairman of the Exmoor Society, one of the most prominent West Country conservation groups, said the estate had exercised "responsible and restrained ownership" of the sale land but its proposed auction posed a threat for the future.

The land for acution represents about 5 per cent of the moorland area.

Lady Plowden backs playgroup ideal

By Diana Gegges Education Correspondent

The Plowden Report, with its emphasis on the expansion of nursery education, was out of date before it was even implemented, Lady Plowden, chairman of the government committee that drew up the report in 1967, admitted yesterday.

Addressing the annual conference in London of the Pre-School Playgroups Association, from which she retired yesterday after 11 years, as president, Lady Plowden said that she would now back playgroups, with their emphasis on the involvement of parents, rather than nursery education.

"I am not just starry-eyed about playgroups. I recognize that some are not as good as others. Nevertheless, it is the underlying assumption behind them which is important," she said.

"Mothers in particular have learnt that they can provvide 'the expert hand' not only for the benefit of their own childeren, but for other children as well."

During a period of high unemployment, playgroups fulfilled another important function. They could help fill the void left on losing a job by providing, companionship, a sense of purpose, and an opportunity for learning.

"Stress and boredom in mothers react on children, and it becomes a vicious circle. Mothers who find satsifaction in their life during the pre-school years of their children are likely to be able to give their children as good a start in life as is possible within one person's ability," she said. Lady Plowden pointed out that the number of playgroups in Britain had grown from 600 in 1964 to 12,000 in 1980. But it was sad that playgroups still tended to be in the better-off areas. Only a minority were in the areas of deprivation, where confidence in living, let alone mothering, might be low.

All mothers needed to develop confidence in themselves as mothers, not just those who could afford the playgroup fees, or had their fees paid by an understanding social service.

She would not open any more nursery schools or classes, she said, except after consultation with the existing services for the under-fives and after seeking the views of parents in the community, adding that she would hope then that they would accept the philosophy of playgroup involvement.

Lady Plowden deplored the present practice of "beheading" nursery schools and playgroups by sending children aged four to the reception class of infant or primary schools so as to fill emnty spaces.

Ballot call on Labour leadership

By Paul Routledge Labour Editor

Pressure is building up in the labour movement for an individual ballot of members before the massive block votes of the unions are committed to candidates for the Labour Party leadership and deputy leadership.

Reform on those lines is proposed in motions submitted to the annual policy-making conference of the General and Municipal Workers' Union together with urgent demands that the party's internal divisions be healed swiftly.

Oldham branch wants each member to be able to register a vote through his branch or region on the leadership issue. Plymouth water workers argue that that principle should be extended to all important political issues so that the 650,000-strong block vote of the GMWU, the third-largest affiliate to the party, is not used "without proper consultation with the membership".

Folkestone members say "a massive realignment of political allegiance is now taking place" and the use of the block vote ought to be subject to branch opinions. However, some left-wing branches complain about the GMWU'S support for Mr Denis Healey in last year's deputy leadership election.

There is conflict, too, over the intenal party investigation into the Militant Tendency. A Merseyside branch says it is a first step towards a general witch-hunt against the left. But Scunthorpe food workers are concerned at defections to the Social Democratic Party and call on the party to "put its house in order before it is too late".

Hackney branch is alarmed by strife caused by infiltration and asks the GMWU to give "urgent consideration" to future financial aid for the party."

Damages against police

From Our Correspondent, Manchester

Mr Ronald Sinclair, aged 51, was awarded £1,000 damages in the High Court in Manchester yesterday for a "beating" by four policemen. Mr Sinclair, of Crossville Close, Mosside Manchester, lost a tooth and suffered multiple bruises after being arrested for causing a breach of the peace.

Mr Justice Kilner Brown said he thought the arrest was lawful but that the four officers "used excessive force". He added: "At the end of this fracas the officers emerged tolerably unscathed but Mr Sinclair was much the worse for wear. That leaves only one conclusion, that he was roughly handled and beaten up."

Mr Sinclair alleged that after he had been dragged from his home early in the morning he was thrown to the ground, punched and kicked. He was later charged with causing a breach of the peace and assaulting two officers but the charge was dismissed by Manchester magistrates.

The officers said they went to the house after an anonymous telephone call and found Mr Sinclair threatening a member of his family. They arrested him and Police constable Derek Walters admitted throwing one punch when Mr Sinclair bit his hand. They denied any other assault.

Scotland Yard reinstates police surgeon

By Stewart Tendler

Scotland Yard has reinstated a senior police surgeon dismissed last year after giving evidence for the defence in several cases. Dr Arnold Mendoza, a police surgeon for 28 years and coroner at St Albans, Hertfordshire, returned to duties with the Metropolitan Police at the end of last month.

He was given notice last summer that his contract would not be renewed when it ended last November. Scotland Yard told him that his appearance for defendents was not considered compatible with his duties and that complaints had been made.

Yesterday Scotland Yard said that Sir David McNee, Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, had reviewed the case and ordered the reinstatement. At one stage Dr Mendoza, aged 56, who is secretary of the London branch of the Police Surgeons' Association's, began an action for wrongful dismissal.

Negotiations are taking place to cover the loss of earnings between last November and March. Dr Frederick Shepherd, another London police surgeon, was also dismissed last year after he was told he was past retiring age.

Alarm at 'pain' concept in vivisection rules

By Hugh Clayton

Mr George Kluth, president of the British Small Animals Veterinary Association, yesterday criticized proposed European rules for safeguarding animals against cruelty in laboratory experiments. Mr Kluth said that the profession was alarmed at the inclusion in the draft rules at the concept of "justifiable pain".

He told reporters at the start of the association's annual conference in London that there was support in many countries for inclusion of the concept in a convention on the protection of animals used for scientific purposes.

The convention is being prepared by the Council of Europe, whose conventions on human rights and the environment must be agreed by the 21 member states, which can then pass them into their own laws. Britain would be free to keep its own laws if they were stricter than the convention.

Mr Kluth said it was impossible to see how "justifiable pain" could be defined for legal purposes. He preferred the British system in which staff from the Home Office, which issues licences for experiments on animals, could decide whether a particular case was cruel.

MP seeks inquiry on drug in suicide case

By Michael Horsnell

The suicide of a pensioner who was prescribed a sleeping drug that was banned in Holland after allegations that it induced people to kill thenselves was referred yesterday to Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services.

Mr Jack Ashley, Labour MP for Stoke-on-Trent, South, wrote to him calling for an immediate inquiry into the drug, called Halcion, after the death of Mr Fred Hemingway, aged 70, last month.

At an inquest at Clacton-on-Sea, Essex, yesterday, Dr Charles Clark, the coroner, declined an appeal by Mr Hemingway's family to recommend an investigation into the drug. But he said he would pass details of the case to the Committee on Safety of Medicines, the Department of Health and Social Security watchdog on drugs.

He recorded a verdict that Mr Hemingway, a retired carpenter, killed himself. Mr Hemingway was found in his car at his home in Clacton-on-Sea with a vacuum cleaner pipe connecting the inside of the vehicle with the exhaust.

Mr Hemingway, whose wife died four years ago, was discharged from hospital on February 10 after treatment for an overdose of the drug but the next day he was found dead with a lethal level of carbon monoxide in his blood.

It was after Mr Hemingway's death that Mr Stanley Pound, his son-in-law, who is a hospital pharmacist, discovered that Mr Hemingway had been prescribed Halcion, from the group of hypnotic drugs called benzodiapezines. The drug was banned in Holland in 1980 after research by Dr Crees Van der Kroef, a psychiatrist, who found that 22 people who took it had killed themselves while five other patients reported "an irresistable urge to commit suicide".

Dr George Anderson, a consultant pathologist, told the inquest under questioning by Mr John Wardell, counsel for the family, that he did not examine the body for the presence of drugs.

Mr Wardell told the coroner: "There is a strong suspicion that the reason this man was depressed and took his own life was because he had been prescribed a drug with dangerous potential side-effects."

Dr Norman MacLeod, medical director of Uphohn Limited, manufacturers of the drug, denied there was any evidence to suggest that Halcion induced suicide. The company is now appealing against the Dutch decision to ban it.

Mr Ashley, who wants an inquiry to take into account the findings of the Dutch medical authorities as well as reports of the drug's side-effects in Britian, said yesterday: "I note with surprise that the Committee on Safety of Medicines, after reports of the Dutch reaction, merely drew doctors' attention to the reports rather than initiationg a inquiry into the drug. To shrug aside the decision of another government's medical advisory body in this way must surely be wrong."

□ Triazolam (Halcion) is a Benzodiazepine hypnotic, belonging to the same group of drugs as those with such well-known names as Valium, Dalmane, Mogadon; some of the groups have greater hypnotic powers, others are more useful as tranquillizers (Our Medical Correspondent writes).

Halcion was the second of the short-acting hypnotics to be marketed in Britain, as with other members of this sub-group of the Benzodiazepines, it had the apparent advantage of having no residual effects the morning after being taken.

In 1979 there were reports in Dutch newspapers and television that Halcion could cause a group of psychotic symptoms, including hallucinations and depersonalization, which, it was claimed, could persist for up to three days after the drug was withdrawn. *The British Journal of Clinical Pharmacology* published the report of the clinical trial carried out on 3,000 patients, where there was no evidence o the symptoms. The number of psychological side-effects reported by patients was almost exactly the same level as would be expected from a placebo.

Overseas selling prices
Austria Sch 28; Bahrain BD 0.650; Belgium B frs 40; Canada $2.50; Canaries Pes 125; Cyprus 550 mils; Denmark Dkr 7; Dubai Dir 7.00; Finland Mkk 7.00; France Frs 7.00; Germany DM 3.50; Greece Dr 80; Holland Gl 3.25; Iran IR 135; Iraq LD 0.500; Irish Republic 30p; Italy L 1800; Jordan LD 0.438; Kuwait KD 0.800; Lebanon Ll 4.00; Luxembourg Lf 35; Madeira Esc 75; Malta 30c; Morocco Dir 7; Norway Kr 7.50; Oman OR 0.700; Pakistan Rps 12; Portugal Esc 90; Qatar QR 7.50; Saudi Arabia SR 4.50; Singapore $5.00; Spain Pes 125; Sweden Skr 8.00; Switzerland S Frs 3.00; Syria L$8.50; Tunisia DIR 0.600; USA $1.50; UAE Dir 7.00; Yugoslavia Din 50.

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NEWS IN SUMMARY

Left blamed for school subversion

Dr Rhodes Boyson, Minister of State for Education and Science, accused Labour-controlled local authorities last night of undermining freedom and standards in schools by political interference (Our Education Correspondent writes).

Addressing a meeting of Conservatives in Abingdon, Oxfordshire, Dr Boyson said that some Labour councils were threatening school discipline by prohibiting corporal punishment. At least one Labour authority had announced that it would not support the enforcement of school uniform.

"This one weapon of school order, supported overwhelmingly by the parents and the teachers, is to be prohibited. The sense of school identity is similarly destroyed by undermining school uniform", he said.

Treatment drive by pharmacists

The National Pharmaceutical Association, a trade association representing the interests of retail pharmacists, has started a campaign to increase the opportunities for chemists to treat common ailments by making a larger range of medicines available without prescription, and by ensuring that medicines are sold only from a pharmacy (Our Medical Correspondent writes).

Mr Lewis Priest, chairman of the association, said that the community wasted the knowledge available from pharmacists as it did not understand how highly qualified they were, and that that expertise could be used to save the customer time, and the National Health Service time and money.

Father and son jailed for raids

A father and son who carried out "terrifying" bank robberies were jailed for 11 years each by the Central Criminal Court yesterday. John Kingston, aged 45, a builder, of Gowan Road, Willesden, and Stephen Kingston, aged 25, a plumber, of Clarendon Gardens, Wembley, used fake guns to hold up cashiers at eight banks in north-west London.

They were joined on five of the raids by Colin Hopcroft, aged 25, a family friend, of Walm Lane, Cricklewood. He was sentenced to nine years. All were convicted of robbery and posessing imitation firearms. Mr David Miller, for the prosecution, said a total of £30,000 was stolen.

Riot penalty idea criticized

The new statutory crime of riot and its maximum penalty of 14 years' imprisonment which has been proposed by the Law Commission was criticized as excessive by the Justices' Clerks' Society yesterday (Frances Gibb writes).

"While there is an urgent need for a new and simplified crime of riot, there is no justification for penalties of this magnitude which will only lead to protracted trials," the society said. It added that there was a need for a summary offence of participating in a riot which should carry a maximum sentence of six months'

Student cleared of death charges

Mr Caesor Ring, aged 27, a student pilot from the Sudan, who stabbed Mr Matthew Lok, aged 24, a fellow countryman and student, during a fight in a field near Oxford airport, was axquitted of charges of murder and manslaughter at Oxford Crown Court yesterday.

The court was told that the fight was the culmination of arguments between the two men. Mr Ring said he had acted in self-defence after Mr Lok had challenged him to a fight and threatened to kill him.

Detention order

Mr Hans Juerjen hermann, aged 24, a Cardiff hotelier who drove his car at a neighbour and stabbed him 34 times, was ordered by Cardiff Crown Court yesterday to be detained indefinitely in a special hospital after pleading guilty to manslaughter.

Villa car returned

Aston Villa fooball club is getting back a Mercedes car vehicle which Mr Ron Saunders, the club's former manager, took with him when he left in February after a board room dispute.

How Falklands were invaded

From Simon Winchester, in a pooled dispatch from Port Stanley

The invasion crisis began at 4.30 pm Falkland standard time, when Mr Rex Hunt, the Governor, made a deries of telephone calls to the heads of the various Falkland Government departments: the police chief, the hospitals, the Treasurer, the Chief Secretary, the Financial Secretary and the Commsnders of the three military forces on the islands, the Royal Marines, Falkland Islands Defence Force and the Settlement Volunteers.

This group met in Government House at 5 pm, to hear an emergency report from Mr Hunt of evidence that an Argentine Navy task force was heading for the colony, bent on invasion.

This force was headed by the aircraft carrier, 25 de Mayo, with its usual compliment of 14 aircraft and 8 helicopters. It is a British Colossus-class ship, built in 1945 by Cammell Laird, Birkenhead. Also in the task force were four destroyers and four landing craft.

Intense radio and telex traffic between Government House and the Foreign Office culminated at 8.15 pm with the Governor going on an island-wide radio link to announce emergency measures to prepare for the impending invasion.

One of the measures considered, but abandoned after consultations both here and with London, was the roundup of all Agrentine nationals on the Falklands. At least 30 are known to be in and around the capital, including 17 on contract to build a petrol station and three working for the Argentine Air Force airline that flies between the mainland and the islands.

The Governor, 7,000 sea miles from London, was finally left with orders from the British Government to "make my dispositions accordingly" and, he explained, this meant that the "illegal entry into this olony would be resisted".

Within moments of this announcement, armed Marines began deploying at sensitive locations, including Government House, the post office, radio transmitting station and the airport road. The airfield was closed, with vehicles placed across the runway, while the Governor's aircraft was parked on the town's racecourse, to enable his to reconnoitre the island at first light.

The 30-bed hospital was being made ready to receive casualties. The usual three doctors were joined by a woman volunteer. Lorries and fuel supplies were also made ready for use in an emergency.

Members of the defence force were seen assembling at the drill hall in Stanley at 9 pm in full battledress. They were being trained in the use of self-loading rifles and light machine guns by a young officer. "They never expected tosee action", one islander said watching the drill.

The radio station played the *Pomp and Circumstance* march immediately after the Governor's speech, which was listened to by virtually all the islanders, who have been fascinated by the crisis. The music later deteriorated into a selection from Rolf Harris.

Endurance, 700 miles to the south-east, in South Georgia, the centre of the crisis, was ordered to stay put. "She couldn't get here on time", the Governor said; he predicted an invasion any time after 3 am on Friday.

"The invasion force could arrive off Cape Pembroke (the easternmost point of the Falklands) at 3 am", the Governor said. The obvious landing point for any troops would be in the penguin colony of York Bay, 6.5 miles from Post Stanley town centre. Marines were being rushed to the area. "We will have a crack at anyhing trying to come into Stanley Harbour through the narrows", Mr Hunt said.

Meanwhile, Argentine radio stations were broadcasting the news of an impending invasion. C130 Hercules aircraft were being sent to bases 300 miles south of Buenos Aires, to be sent to the Falklands. Military leave was being cancelled and according to one broadcast just before midnight, "From tomorrow morning the islands will be ours".

The Argentine military President General Leopoldo Galtieri, summoned members of the junta to a special meeting, and other senior Argentine officals said that the new Falkland Government to be known as the Malvinas Government, would be appointed the next morning.

The Falkland Governor came back on the radio at 12.30 am to announce: "You have probably heard the outcome of the Security Council meeting. Both Britain and Argentina were called upon not use force.

"We must now wait and see what effect this has had on the Argentine Government. As I speak there is no indication that the Argentine Navy task force heading this way has changed course. Unless it does, we can expect it off Cape Pembroke by dawn." The Governor requested islanders to stay indoors.



Top brass: President Leopoldo Galtieri of Argentina chairing a Cabinet meeting yesterday morning, shortly after the occupation of the Falkland islands had been reported.

Crucial EEC budget meeting cancelled

By Our Foreign Staff

The crisis in the Falkland Islands had forced the cancellation of a crucial meeting in Luxembourh today when the problem of Britain's contribution to the European budget was to have been tackled once more.

It was called off yesterday because Lord Carrington, the Foreign Secretary, could not have been present as he has to remain in London to decide tactics.

Belgium, which is the present president of the Council of Ministers, cancelled the meeting after a call to each of the member capitals showed there was little enthusiasm for attending such a difficult meeting when the Foreign Secretary of the main country involved could not be present.

Lord Carrington tried to persuade Belgium that the meeting was too important to call off and that he would be well represented at the meeting, but by then it was too late to stop the cancellation. Even before it was called off, however, there were strong signs that the meeting could achieve nothing.

□ The North Atlantic Council has met in special session in Brussels at at the request of the permanent representative of the United Kingdom to hear a report from him about the Falkland Islands.

Members of the council expressed deep concern at the dispute between a member of the alliance and a state with which all have friendly relations and reiterated the call made to the parties by the President of the Security Council to refrain from the use or threat of force and to continue the search for a dipolomatic soluion.

British diplomats in Brussels point out that Nato cannot act outside the boundaries laid down by the North Atlantic Treaty which in the case of the Atlantic is the Tropic of Cancer. However, in view of the worldwide attention how focused on the events in the area, they felt that they had to inform their allies in the framework of political consultation within the alliance.

Argentina's other claims

By David Hewson

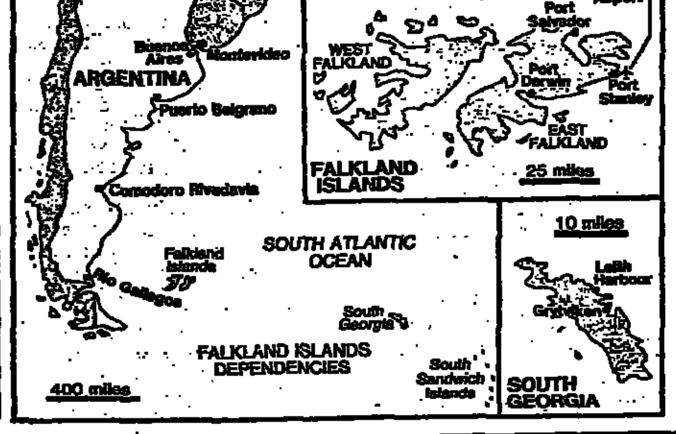
Though Argentina's claims on British territory extended beyond the Falklands to most of Britain's Antarctic sector and the South Shetland and South Orkney Islands, the conflict between the two countries is not expected to spread to other disputed territories.

Borh Argentina and Britain are signatories to the Antarctic Treaty, which was first established in 1959, under which all territorial claims by signatories are frozen in the interests of international cooperation for scientific purposes.

At the moment, Btitain and Argentina each maintain seven stations in the Antarctic, all of them in the disputed sector which stretches from the Weddell Sea, past the Antarctic peninsula, to the Bellingshausen Sea. Argentina was host to the last session of the 14-member nations of the Antarctic Treaty in Buenos Aires last year, and appears to have accepted the moratorium on territorial claims which the treaty demands.

The Falklands were excluded from the treaty when it was first negotiated, partly because of the opposition by Argentina to British claims to the islands. Britain's claims to parts of the Antarctic go back as far as 1841 and were consolidated in 1902 and 1917.

But there is some concern about the future of the treaty, which is primarily designed to deal with a scientific use of the continent. Prospecting for minerals is ruled out under current treaty proposals.



Third division takes on Britain

By Henry Stanhope
Defence Correspondent

It is ironic that Argentina's armed forces were formed to resist a British invasion during the Napoleonic Wars, and they regard their victories as we might Trafalgar and Waterloo.

Argentines have not fought anyone except ech other for more than a hundred years now, so in theory they might be thought a little rusty. In practice, however, they have long had contingency plans for capturing the Falkland Islands — which they call the Islas Malvinas — and are thought to have been waiting for an opportunity such as this.

In size, equipment and significance, the armed forces come second only to Brazil in South America, and in view of the disparity populaion between the two countries, are proportionately bigger.

The International Institute for Strategic Studies credits them with a total of 185,000, rather more than half Britain's present military manpower. Whereas the British forces are all manned by volunteers, Argentina depends upon conscripts, who serve for a year in the Army or the Air Force, or 14 months in the Navy.

The Army is the largest of the tree services with 130,000 men, divided into two parts, one looking after the coastal region and one the hinterland. Equipment is international: American armoured troop carriers, French tanks, Franco-German and a few British anti-aircraft missiles, and a flight of Anglo-French Puma helicopters.

The Navy is the second largest of the armed forces, which in itself is unusual. (Even in maritime Britain, the RAF is bigger that the Royal Navy). The institute's 1981-1982 edition of *The Military Balance* gives the naval manpower strength as 36,000, about half the size of the Royal Navy.

But 10,000 of the 36,000 are Marines, which is even more than Britain has and thus significant in the context of the Falklands. A further 3,000 are in the naval air arm. The first has four main bases, at Buenos Aires, Puerto Belgrano, Mar del Plata and Ushuaia, and 18 major warships, excluding two corvettes and a number of patrol craft. Ten more vessels are on order.

Although again more are on order, there are only four submarines, all of them conventionally powered.

The Argentine Navy also boasts a United States cruiser dating from before the Second World War, three modern French frigates and nine destroyers, which again vary from two up-to-date British type-42s to a clutch of elderly 1940s ships.

The Air Force has a strength of 19,500 and 223 combat aircraft, including Skyhawk fighter — ground attack machines and a squadron of Mirage interceptors. Ironically, it has a bomber squadron equipped with nine venerable British Canberras.

Argentina's armed forces are on paper smaller, less well equipped and much less experienced than Britain's but in terms of football they belong to the second or perhaps third division, not the Isthmian League and pose problems which, for British forces far from home and any friendly port, could prove insoluble.

Countdown to crisis

Bellicose gestures over 150 years

By David Cross

During the 150-year dispute over the Falkland Islands and its dependencies, Argentina has threatened more than once to take the British colony by force.

But until this week the bellicose statements from Buenos Aires have never been translated into much more than anti-British demonstrations and the occasional flamboyant gesture.

The most potetially serious incident in recent years was undoubtedly the attempt by an Argentine destroyer to stop the Shackleton, an unarmed British research ship loaded with explosives, from sailing to the Falkland Islands.

After shadowing the Shackleton for six hours in the south Atlantic on February 5, 1976, the Argentine dewstroyer, the Almirante Storni, fired shots across her bows. It then threatened to fire into the Shackleton's hull if it failed to heave to.

The Shackleton continued on its course to Port Stanley, the capital of the Falkland Islands, after explaining to the captain of the destroyer that it was carrying explosives for geoseismic research. The British Government protesrted strenuously to the Argentine authorities about the attack, which Buenos Aires claimed had taken place in Argentine waters, and tempers were allowed to cool.

Other incidents during the past 20 years include the following:

Sept 8, 1964: An Argentine aircraft landed on Stanley racecourse and planted an Argentine flag on the turn. The pilot, who was alone, handed a letter to the sole bystander present before taking off.

Four days later, Argentine nationalists attacked the British Embassy in Buenos Aires smashing windows and causing other minor damage. These incidents coincided with United Nations talks on the sovereignty of the islands.

Dec 15: The United Nations General Assembly urged Britain and Argentina to find a peacful settlement to their dispute.

Sept 28, 1966: Twenty armed Argentine nationalists hijacked a DC4 airliner on a domestic Argentine flight and forced it to fly to the Falklands. After flying Argentine flags on the racecourse at Port Stanley they surrendered peacfully and were taken back to Argentina to stand trial.

Nov 28, 1968: An Argentine aircraft crashed near Port Stanley. Royal Marines rushed to the spot to discover a pilot and two journaliststs who wanted to interview Lord Chalfont, the British Minister of State at the Foreign Office at the time, who was on a tour of the islands.

Nov 21, 1969: Argentina announced that it was ready to discuss the lifting of a ban on direct communications with the Falkland Islands. The announcement heralded a long thaw in relations over the islands. A communications agreement was signed in 1971 and trade and fuel supply pacts were made in 1974.

December 1974: A new propaganda campaign for the invasion of the Falkland Islands gathered momentum in Argentina. Local newspapers called for volunteers to join an invasion force.

January and February 19766: Argentina was angered by the presense of the Shackleton in the Falkland Islands.

December 1976: The Foreign Office protested to the Argentine authorities about the presence of 40 Argentine scientists on the island of Thule in the group. The occupation came to public notice in May 1978 and was resolved peacefully.

February 1977: Fresh negotiations opened between Britain and Argentina on the future of the islands and have continued intermittently.

February 1982: More Argentine sabre-rattling followed another round of negotiations at the United Nations, in New York. Argentina made it clear that its patience was running out.

Slender radio link was cut on the big day

By Kenneth Gosling

Poor atmospheric conditions meant a break in the radio-telephone link between Britain and the Falkland Islands yesterday. The telephone link failed at 2.15 am BST and telex at 6.30 am. By mid-afternoon British Telecom said atmospheric conditions had become good enough to receive traffic though not for sending anything.

"But we are not receiving anything at all," a spokesman said. The Foreign Office has its own means of communication, through short-wave radio.

Public calls are routed through a station at Somerton, in Somerset, and the radio-telephone link is restricted to two hours each afternoon and evening on weekdays. Telex is operatinal seven days a week from noon to 9 pm. On Wednesday the Falklands asked for a 24-hours-a-day link, for obvious reasons.

Cable and Wireless has a staff of 15 in the Falklands and holds the franchise for the exclusive telecommunications facilities for the islands.

"We have a station in Bermuda monitoring for a signal, but there has not been one today", Cable and Wirelesss said.

The BBC World Service runs a regular weekly programme of listeners' requests between this country and the Falklands every Sunday, a link established more than 30 years ago.

Yeterday, Mr Martin Redfern, one of the copresenters, was recording tomorrow's 35-minute show. Among records requested for relatives in the Falklands were "I'm Gonna Change Everything" by Jim Reeves — a great favourite with the islanders — and others called "It Ain't What You Do" and "One Day I'll Fly Away". But there were none, a spokesman said, for "Don't Cry For Me Argentina".

The BBC said later the programme would be replaced by one giving a news and current affairs round-up, including reaction from Britain and other countries.

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Necessary military and diplomatic moves are being made

FALKLANDS

If the Falkland Islands situation warrats it, the Commons owould meet tomorrow (Saturday) at 11am or on Sunday, Mr Francis Pym, Lord President of the Council and Leader of the House, stated the end of today's sitting. He added that there had been no confirmation of change in the Falkland Island position since an earlier statement by Mr Humphrey Atkins, Lord Privy Seal and Principal Foreign Office spokesman in the Commons.

Mr John Silkin, cheif Opposition spokesman on defence, said that at a moment when the country might be at war, the House must meet as it had done in the past. The Opposition would be as cooperative as possible.

Mr Pym gave an undertaking that if the House was recalled Mr John Nott, Secretary of State for Defence, would attend. He confirmed that the Government was still in touch with the Governor of the Falkland Islands.

Earlier, in his statement, Mr Atkins explained that the Government was taking appropriate military and diplomatic measures to sustain United Kingdom rights under international law and in accordance with the United Nations charter, over the increasingly grave situation involving expectation of an Argentinian attack against the Falkland Islands.

The House would not expect him, he added, to give details at this stage of the military steps taken to respond to the worsening situation. For the moment the Government continued to hope that the Argentinian Government even at this late stage, would reconsider its rejection of the diplomatic channel as a means of settling the differences between the two countries.

We shall (he said) sustain and defend the Falkland Islands to the best of our ability.

Mr John Silkin pledged the Labour Party's full support for the right of the Falkland Islands to stay British. It is our duty (he said) to defend that right. Dr David Owen, for the Social Democrats, said they too fully supported the Government

Mr Atkins said Britain had sought an emergency meeting of the Security Council and had immediately associated itself with a request from the President of the Security Council that both countries should exercise restraint and refran from the use or threat of force, but continue the search for a diplomatic solution.

There had been no Argentine response nor had the Argentine President responded to the many appeals made to him to draw back from the use of force.

Mr John Silkin said the Opposition pledged full support to the men of the Royal Navy and the Royal Marines. We believe it was right (he said) for the Government to inform the Security Council of the threat to peace.

Did the Government (he asked) misjudge the situation? Every time the tin-pot fascist junta which rules Argentina is in deep trouble at home, it threatens the Falkland Islands. Were not the signs there to be seen some time ago?

Did not the Secretay of State contribute to that invasion to some extent by his talk of scrapping HMS Endurance and a large proportion of our surface fleet, thus giving the false impression that Britain may be willing — as she will not be — to abdicate her responsibility in the area?

Are we confident that we can protect the islands? Did the Government consult other members of the Security Council before advising the Secretary General of the threat to peace and have we any support inside the Security Council?

Mr Atkins: The Government did not misjudge the situation. The signs have become increasingly grave over the past few days that Argentine has assembled a fleet and that it was operating in the vicinity of the Falkland Islands. We have responded in the appropriate way, by taking the matter to the United Nations where we have support.

Dr David Owen (Plymouth, Devonport, SDP): We fully support the Government in every measure it sees fit to take to defend the Falkland Islands and the interests of the islanders.

We all hope that contingency measures were taken some weeks ago to ensare that naval forces are at this moment in the area and capable of intervening, should that arise.

Is the Security Council to be called together again later today? What action does he intend to take in the Security Council if an invasion has taken place.

Mr Atkins: The report on the tapes that Argentine troops have landed comes from an Argentine newspaper. We were in touch with the Governor half an hour ago, and he did not confirm those reports. He said that no landing had taken place at that time.

There is no arrangement for another meeting of the Security Council but if the situation becomes worse, it will come together again.

Mr Eric Deakins (Waltham Forest, Walthamstow, Lab): Can he assure us that in the event of an Argentine invasion Britain will have full support from the Security Council, members and friends, in condemning an invasion?

Mr Atkins: I certainly hope so. The President of the Security Council has already called on Britain and Argentine to refrain from the use of force. If force is, unhappily, used, I am sure the Security Council will maintain that position.

Sir Hugh Fraser (Stafford and Stone, C): The Government should give more serious consideration to implementation of the Shackleton report on construction of an airfield which MPs have been pressing on both governments for the last five years.

Mr Atkins: Much of the report has been implemented but I note what he says.

Mr James Spicer (West Dorset, C): We all accept the logistical problems and the difficulties. Can Mr Atkins think again about the phrase "to the best of our ability"? In the circumstances that is not the way in which we should approach this. Our words should match our deeds and should be forthright in the extreme.

Mr Atkins: I do not think the Government or anyone else can take any action better than to the best of its ability. That is what we shall do.

Sir Anthony Kershaw (Stroud, C): In some of the European press our country has been criticized for getting so angry about a few scrap merchants. But it is clear that this is merely a pretext and that these moves would have taken place whatever our reaction to that had been.

Mr Atkins: It is not possible to say exactly how this situation was planned to develop by the Argentine government. But the situation today has nothing to do with the presence of 12 scrap merchants. We are anxious about the possibility of an invasion on Port Stanley.

Mr James Kilfedder (North Down, UU): We spend millions of pounds on armaments and yet we are unable to defend a small British protectorate where the people are in danger of the humiliation of surrender to the Argentine dictatorship. Would not the Government take a lesson from the previous government in defending these islands?

Mr Atkins: The threat has existed for at least 15 years. Successive governments have taken appropriate steps to defend the Falkland Islands and we shall do the same.

Mr Gary Waller (Brighouse and Spenborough, C): Apart from any military action, it is vital to win the propaganda battle and ensure that nobody throughout the world should be in any doubt we are going to respond to the wishes of the people of the Falkland Islands.

Mr Atkins: It is necessary to impress upon the rest of the world that whatever the wishes of the people of the Falkland Islands we shall follow them.

Mr Roland Moyle, an Opposition spokesman on foreign and Commonwealth affairs (Lewisham, East, Lab.): There have been discussions between the British Ambassador and the Argentine Government in Bunos Aires. Are they going on or have they ceased? If they have ceased, is it because of the intransigence of the Argentine Government or have events been superseded by the approach to the Security Council?

Mr Atkins: The ambassador has been in negotiation with the Argentine Government during the last few weeks but they have rejected every suggestion we have put forward for solving this matter or taking it forward by diplomatic means. He is not in contact at the moment because they will not see him. There are no immediate plans to change the BBC external services.

Deposed mayor urges Europe to shun Israel

From Christopher Walker, Jericho, April 2

The message to Lord Carrington, the Foreign Secretary, which Mr Karim Khale, the deposed Arab mayor of Ramallah, had expected to pass on this morning through a senior Foreign Office official, was transmitted instead by means of a 60-minute interview with *The Times*.

"I planned to thank the British and the rest of the Europeans on behalf of the Palestinian people for their stand this week condemning Israeli purchases in the occupied territories", Mr Khalef said. "I was also going to urge the Europeans to resist American pressure and influence over the Palestinian question.

"The Europeans should take unilateral action and announce their recognition, not just their support, for an independent Palestinian state inside the territories occupied in 1967. They should start dealing with Isreal as an occupier, not as a friend," he said.

Leaning on the stick he has used since he was maimed in a car bomb attack two years ago, Mr Khalef gesticulated with his free hand and said: "I would have made clear that if the Israelis thought that just three mayors backed the Palestine Liberation Oraganization (PLO), they are wrong. I estimate that 99.5 per cent of our people are PLO supporters. We have only one leadership."

Mr Khalef passed over a letter on British Government notepaper delivered to him last night by Mr Barry Seddon, the British Consul, who called at his home in Jericho. Mr Khalef has been under town arrest here since the day after his dismissal from office. "I have been banished from Ramallah. The Israilis say they do not want me there," he said.

The letter was from Sir John Leahy, Under Secretary at the Foreign Office, an experienced diplomat who was yerterday barred on personal instructions from Mr Menachem Begin, the Israeli Prime Minister, from meeting either Mr Khalef or Mr Bassam Shaka, the deposed mayor of Nablus.

"Dear Mr Mayor", the letter began, demonstrating Britain's rejection of Israel's claim that Mr Khalef and his two Palestinian colleagues have been lagally dismissed from the posts to which they were elected in 1976. "As you know, it was Lord Carrington's wish that I should come and see you tomorrow, and I myself have been much looking forward to this and to having a talk with you.

"It makes me all the more sorry, therefore, to have to tell you that I have had to change my plans and that, for reasons beyond my control, I am prevented from coming to see you after all. I regret this very much and wish it could have beenotherwise. I hope that the time when can meet vill not be long delayed."

The British Consul attempted to deliver a similar letter last night to Mr Shaka in Nablus, but was physically prevented from entering his house by Israeli troops who had signed military orders specifically barring the entry of British officials. Although Sir John's letter was later delivered via Mrs Shaka, the incident further soured the atmosphere between Britain and Israel which Lord Carrington's visit had been designed to improve.

Despite the Israeli Government's determination to prevent Sir John seeing Mr Khalef (whose telephone has been adapted to prevent incoming calls), I found the mayor at a Jerico villa after being given whispered instructions through the gate by his wife, Teresa. The permanent police guards near his home either chose to ignore, or did not see my British registered car parked out of sight 150 yards away.

Unlike Mr Shaka, who is not able to leave his house, Mr Khalef is free to move around Jericho. but today he claimed that workers at his restaurant and citrus groves in the town had frequently been held in the military government compound for hours without explanation.

Mr Khalef, a former lawyer who was elected mayor in 1976 with what he claims was more than 70 per cent of the popular vote, added: "The only prominent Israeli who was ever prepared to listen to our political views was Ezer Weizman (the former defence minister). With him, there was a chance of a dialogue.

He has repeatedly been warned by the Israelis to stop voicing his backing for the PLO,

Israel denies camps are new settlements

Tel Aviv.—The Israeli army confirmed today that military outposts had been set up this week at the site of King Husain's unfinished palace in East Jerusalem and at other strategic points in the West Bank and Gaza, (Moshe Brilliant writes).

There was speculation that these outposts represented the start of new settlement ventrures to replace the settlements being evacuated in Sinai. The Army said the soldiers were there for security reasons and will leave when the present tension subsides.

The speculation had been fed by the fact that the soldiers deployed belonged to Nahal, a group of volunteers who combined military service with pioneering settlement.

Army souces denied the outposts were embryos of new settlements. They said it was not unusual for Nahal soldiers to be taken from settlements to man outposts.

Troops fire on Golan protesters

From Our Own Correspondent Jerusalem, April 2

Four Druze Arabs in the Golan Heights were injured today when Israeli troops used live ammunition to break up demonstrations against last December's annexation of the Syrian territory in the two main towns of Ma'sada and Majdal Shams.

An Israeli military spokesman said that six soldiers had been injured in the stone-throwing protest, which come as many of the 12,500 Arab inhabitants of the volcanic plateau were in their seventh consecutive week of general strike.

According to the Army, the soldiers were ordered to open fire after the demonstrators refused to obey instructions to disperse. Journalistic access to the four Druze towns on the Golan has been severely limited since the general strike began, prompting strong protests to the *Government from Israeli* editors.

It was the first time that Israeli soldiers had opened fire on Druze demonstrators since the widespread unrest over the annexation began. Last month, six Palestinian Arabs in the occupied West Bank and Oaza Strip were killed and more than 30 others injured when Israeli troops used live amunition there as part of the new clampdown against radicals.

The use of bullets rather than less lethal forms of riot control equipment such as water cannot and rubber bullets has come in for considerable international criticism. It has been staunchy defended by senior Israeli army officers as a legitimate form of self defence but no official explanation has been yet given for the non-use of the riot control methods usually favoured before live ammunition is resorted to.

Today's shooting came 36 hours after the dawn deadline for all Golan Druze residents to hand in their old military ID cards and take out new civilian documents

Why Zia is binding tribal wounds with cash

From Trevor Fishlock, Quetta

In the forbidding mountains of Balauchistan, nomads and their camels are the main witnesses to a significant part of President Zia's effort to make this vast and politically sensitive territory more secure.

There have been reports in the West recently of trained Baluch tribesmen preparing for a revolt this summer. It has been said Quetta, the provincial capital, is rocked by frequent bomb blasts and that there is a curfew.

None of this is true, but there is a potential for political trouble and the Zia regime is keenly aware of it. President Zia said two years ago that Baluchistan was ripe for seeds of subversion.

The situation and history of Baluchistan give it a vital place in the strategic considerations of the Soviet Union and the West. It is the largest of Pakistan's four provinces and is mostly rugged, dry and desolate. Its 134,000 square miles are more than two fifths of the country, but its population is only one eighteenth, 5.3 million of 90 million.

It is significant for Paki stan for three reasons. First, it is rich in gas, coal, copper and other minerals. Second, it abuts on uncertain Iran and Soviet-occupied Afghanistan, and its future is a *matter of speculation*, especially among domino therists. Third, Baluch people have never unanimously and wholeheartedly accepted the concept of Pakistan, with its Punjabi ascendancy, and discontent among them has been an important thread in the country's history.

Like Bhutto, his predecessor, President Zia was deeply shaken by the traumatic wrench of Bangladesh's secession, and believes passionately in a united Pakistan. Discontent in Baluchistan, if allowed to fester, would strike at Pakistan's roots. As a government official said in Quetta: "If Baluchistan goes, Pakistan goes."

Bhutto first tried political methods with Baluch tribes and nationalist sentiment. In the end he resorted to military force, but underestimated tribal passions and the fighting qualities of warriors whose ferocity was once well *known to soldiers of* the British Raj.

The Pakistan Army fought tribesmen from 1973 to 1977 and the conflict exacerbated Baluch bitterness. When President Zia took power he stopped the fighting and sought to bind tribal wounds with cash.

He also changed the policy. His aim today is to do with rupees what bullets could never do, pouring money into the once dangerously neglected province. The Government says spending will be £210m next year compared with £40m in 1976.

"Some spending decisions cannot be justified economically, a government official said: but the development of Baluchistan is a political decision. If it is to remain part of Pakistan it must be developed." So power pylons march across deserts, water schemes proliferate, roads are built and new schools set out to raise the literacy rate of 13 per cent, half the national average.

Priority is being given to an engineering feat which will remove an enduring grievance of the Baluch, their lack of access to the natural gas at Sui in the east of the province, a resource enjoyed by the rest of Pakistan.

A pipeline is being built through the Bolan pass to Quetta, along the route nomads are taking on their annual migration. The government insists the line should be finished by the time the nomads make the same journey next year.

In stitching Baluchistan more closely to the union with gaslines, power cables and water pipes, President Zin gives the impression of racing against time. Baluch nationalism is inchoate and formidably complex, and it would be possible to exaggerate its strength. Baluch territory covers parts of Afghanistan, Iran and Pakistan and extends more than 200,000 square miles.

Baluch Society in Pakistan is today in the early stages of a profound change, with economic and educational developments loosening tribal loyalties and raising expectations. But the Government admits there is still a long way to go.

Although separatism features in occasional windy rhetoric, a more commonly expressed Baluch desire is for autonomy

US visa restored: Major Roberto D'Aubuisson, the right-wing leader in El Salvador, who was banned from visiting the United States under the Carter Administration, is to be allowed into the country "in the future", the State Department said.

French Socialists to tread warily

From Charles Hargrove, Paris, April 2

The second session of Parliament under the Socialist Government opened today in a markedly different atmosphere from the first one last autumn. The setback for the left in the recent cantonal elections casts its long shadow over the deputies.

The solid but rather raw Socialist majority, which six months ago acted as though it could sweep everything before it, has returned to the chamber somewhat shaken, more sober and with fewer illusions about the irresistible march of socialist change. The opposition, on the other hand, elated by its victory at the polls, is more determined than ever to put spokes in the Government's wheels, and to polish its image as the valid alternative the country needs.

There is no question of a pause or moratorium in the pace and scope of reforms, as M Pierre Mauroy, the Prime Minister, has repeated indefatigably for the past fortnight, and did this afternoon. There is, on the other hand a great deal of talk about their *approfondissement*, or consolidation.

This means that the Government will tread more carefully, and will take the trouble to explain more clearly and coherently what it is trying to do.

One of the most sobering aspects of the elections from the Socialists' point of view, was the incomprehension and distrust of working people towards the great batch of social decrees, on such matters as early retirement, the 39-hour week and television reform. These were described by M Mauroy as the most impressive in half a century, but they earned the Government few dividends.

There is going to be a great deal more for the Government to explain in coming months if it is not to suffer the same discomfiture in next year's municipal elections.

There will be no slowing in the legislative load, what with the law on the extension of workers' rights in firms, which makes employers and white-collar unions bristle; the reform of the social security system, which will affect vested interests at all levels; the reform of state radio and television, which in its present form satisfies no one; the denationalization of some of the activities of nationalized banks and mutual banks' the extension of the financial and administrative competence of local authorities, following upon the decentralization law; last, but not least, the switch to proportional representation in municipal and regional elections.

These reforms have far-reaching political implications, and the opposition will fight them tooth and nail as contrary to the spirit of the institutions of the Fifth Republic.

To get through this heavy schedule, the present spring session will be prolanged into July, when normally half of France, including politicians, goes off on holiday.

Even so, the Government might once again resort to the decree procedure to prevent opposition obstruction on details of the decentralization law.

Spanish plotters 'invoked King's name falsely'

From Richard Wigg, Madrid, April 2

Lieutenant General José Gabeiras, the Spanish Army chief at the time of last year's attempted coup, today told the court martial trying 32 fellow officers that he knew within 20 minutes of the storming of Parliament that all invoking of the King's name was false.

"It was a violent action, and absolutely unconstitutional," the general stated, while giving evidence on oath.

The general played an important role with King Juan Carlos in keeping the bulk of the Spanish Army on the side of the constitution at the time of the coup and helped to restore the image of the Army, which has taken a battering from defence lawyers.

His replies, frequently peppery, helped to counter the campaign at this trial alleging that the King supported the overthrow of democracy. "From 6.40 pm (February 23, 1981), the time of my first telephone conversation with the King, I was sure this was not true", General Gabeiras said.

General Gabeiras treated the two main accused — Lieutenant-General Jaime Milans del Bosch, the former Valencia *commander, and* General Alfonso Armada, who was deputy Army chief — with marked indifference.

Valencia was the only region which had risen against the constitution, he emphasized, explaining that he had ordered General Milans's arrest on February 24 for repeatedly defying orders to withdraw his troops from the streets.

General Gabeiras described as totally unconstitutional the initiative taken by General Armada proposing that he should head a government of national salvation after negotiating the withdrawal of the Civil Guards occupying the Parliament with Lieutenant-Colonel Antonio Tejero.

He said he had wanted to use a ruse to trick the colonel into surrendering but that General Armada had refused to cooperate. "I did not need to consult the constitution. For me, it was an absurd solution to think Parliament would vote under duress", General Gabeiras remarked tartly, emphasizing that both the King and the chiefs of staff had refused to approve General Armada's initiative.

Golden age for the merchants of Bahrain

From Robert Fisk Manama, Bahrain

There were two black-robed Shia Muslim women sitting on the floor of the narrow shop, laying out their newly-bought gold jewelry on the ground between them. There were rings, brooches and bracelets, and a heavy, encrusted pendant with an intricately designed Koranic inscription on a plate of solid gold at the base.

The floor was the only place to examine their purchases, for men and women were elbowing each other aside to reach the shop counter, a glass top littered with gold necklaces. For three weeks it has been like this in Bahrain's gold souk, and the merchants look almost as tired as they are rich — courtesy, it seems, of the Kremlin.

No-one in Bahrain seems quite sure why the price of gold has fallen so dramatically in recent days, bringing hordes of Arab, Indian and Western tourists to the bazaars of the Gulf. One merchant gently vouchsafed the information that with gold down to $340 an ounce on the island, he was so busy that he was weighing his banknotes rather than counting them.

Traders are not questioning the cause of their good fortune too closely, but the most popularly held reason for Bahrain's gold rush is the Soviet Union's decision to sell off huge quantities of gold in the past few weeks, apparently to pay. for its military and economic commitments in Afghanistan, Cuba and Poland.

In a single week recently, the Russians are believed to have put 96,000 ounces of gold on the market, bringing the world price crashing downwards. Bahrain's gold souk — a dusty street not far from the harbour, with the seediness that denotes true *affluence — is now reaping* the benefits.

There are, it is true, other theories put forward for the gold rush in the Gulf: world recession, a slackening in the rate of inflation, stability of interest rates, and — more dramatically — oil price reductions.

Bahrain's own Ministry of Finance prefers to hedge its bets, claiming only (through a departmental Under-Secretary) that gold buying was not connected with any feeling of instability in the area. Only Western investors, he insisted, believed that gold would be the only currency "if something happened to the world".

This is not the case in Kuwait, where thousands of small investors were buying up so much gold bullion that the market there began to run out of supplies.

A leading Kuwait economist thought that the growing demand for gold in recent years was attributable to "the collapse of the world economic order and the failure to replace it with a more equitable system, in addition to the fluctuation in the value of the dollar".

Nuclear debate

Reagan challenged on Soviet strength

From Nicholas Ashford, Washington, April 2

President Reagan's assertion during his press conference on Wednesday that the Soviet Union has achieved nuclear superiority over the United States has been disputed by critics and supporters alike.

Some critics, among them Senator Robert Kennedy, contended that the President was incorrect to say that "on balance the Soviet Union does have a definite margin of superiority". Others say that even if the Soviet Union is ahead in the arms race the President should not say so openly as this will not only alarm America's allies but also undermin the credibility of America's nuclear deterrent.

The debate on the nuclear arms balance is extremely complicated one and is not just a matter of counting the number of missiles or even warheads that each side possesses. However, it is generally accepted that while the United States has an dvantage over the Soviet Union in submarine-launched ballistic missiles and long-range bombers, the Soviet Union has the edge in land-based intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBMs).

The Soviet ICBMs are believed to have the capability to destroy the American force of 1,052 land-based missiles in a single strike. This is why the Administration is going agead with plans to deploy 100 MX-ICBMs, each with 10 highly accurate warheads.

Until Mr Reagan's press conference American presidents have carefully avoided making public judgments about nucear superiority both because of the difficulty of making precise calculations land also because of the impact such a judgment would have on the United State's deterrence credibility.

President Ford used the term "rough parity" to describe his goal, while President Carter said his Administration aimed at "essential equivalence."

Until now the Reagan Administration had stopped short of saying that the Soviet Union was ahead but had served warning that Soviet land-based missiles had created a "window of vulnerability" in American defences. The Administration has embarked on a massive programme (involving the planned construction of the 100 MX missiles, 100 B1 long-range cruise missile-carrying bombers and 192 Trident 11 submarine-launched missiles) to close this "window of vulnerability".

Senator Kennedy, who is a cosponsor of a resolution calling for a nuclear freeze at present weapons level, said the President was wrong to claim the Soviet Union had a definite margin of superiority. "No one in authority, including President Reagan, would trake our deterrent forces for the Soviet forces", he declared.

Senator argued that the President had made his assertion in order to justify the Administration's huge planned increase in defence spending.

The President's statement was also criticized by "moderates" such as Senator John Glenn and Sentor James Exon, who have not taken a position on the nuclear freeze campaign.

Canadians expel Russian

From John Best Ottawa, April 2

The Soviet Union attempted to suborn a Canadian businessman by offering him $Can9m (£4m) for used underwater cable, $2m more than the asking price, it was alleged yesterday.

The bizarre case came to light when Mr Mark MacGuigan, the Canadian External Affairs Minister, announced that Mr Mikhail Abramov, a senior Soviet trade representative here, had been ordered out of the country for alleged espionage.

Mr MacGuigan said Mr Abramov had offered a businessman large sums of money to buy and export illegally fibre optic and other restricted high technology products. However, he would neither identify the businessman nor say where the alleged transgressions occurred.

A few hours later, the Soviet Embassy, which usually confines itself to a simple denial of espionage allegations, identified the Canadian as Mr Elton Killam, of Petitcodiac, New Brunswick, *owner of Canadian Northumberland Cable Company.*

The embassy rejected the allegations as absurd and groundless.

Tax shock on electric signs

Madrid.— Sparks are flying in Madrid over an alleged 320 pesetas (£1.6m) tax concession given to the importers of electric display boards for use at World Cup football venues.

The Japanese Mitsubishi boards were imported by clients of Señor Aldulto Suarez, the former Prime Minister, and will be installed at stadiums where World Cup matches are to be held in June and July.

NEWS IN SUMMARY

Athenians fume at radio hoax

Athens.— An April Fool news flash that pollution levels in Athens were lethal and children should be evacuated, has backfired and soured the atmosphere at Athens radio (Mario Modiano writes).

The director-general of broadcasting offered to resign, the journalist responsible was dismissed and a shipbuilding engineer said he was seeking £450,000 damages for the shock suffered by his wife.

Frantic schoolmasters called the Ministry of Education to seek guidance as mothers dashed to the schools to collect their children, while hospitals made inquiries about the possible evacuation of sensitive patients. Other Athenians scurried for protection to the city's parks.

Mediterranean treaty agreed

Geneva, — An important step towards saving the Mediterranean was taken when coastal states and the EEC approved a treaty for establishing specially protected areas around its shores (Alan McGregor writes). This is the fourth treaty concluded since the Mediterranean action plan was launched in 1976. The others are against dumping, emergency oil spills and land-based pollution. The plan is costing about $20m (£10.1m) in the eight year's until the end of 1983. The administrative headquarters is being moved from Genera to Athens.

Colombo expels Militant editor

Colombo. — Sri Lanka has decided to ask Mr Ted Grant, political editor of the let-wing *Militant* newspaper and a founder of the Labour Party's Militant Tendency, to leave the country, the Immigration Department said. He is in Sri Lanka as a guest of a Marxist party.

Seabed split

New York— The United States has called for changes in seabed mining proposals, at the United Nations. Mr James Maone, head of the US delegation, wants changes in proposals that would require that investors put up at least $1.5m (830,000) to get a share of seabed mining.

Top copy

New York — A copy of the first printing of the American Declaration of Independence, one of only 21 recorded copies, was sold for $285,000 (£160,000) to a New York dealer at a Christies auction.

Disappointing haul

Copenhagen — Three young men here stole more than £5m in the biggest robbery in Danish hisory from two postal workers. But most of the haul was in cheaques which will be almost impossible to cash.

Rome police swoop

Rome. — Some 20 suspected Red Brigades terrorists, believed to belong to the Rome Brigades column, were arrested after a large-scale police swoop.

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Record Review

Hilary Finch

Sir William's birthday box

Walton conducts Walton. Philharmonia Orchestra and Chorus. EMI SLS 5246 (3 discs).
Walton: Symphony No 1. Philharmonia/Haitink. EMI ASD 4091.
Mozart: Symphony No 40/ Schubert: Symphony No.8 NBC SO/Toscanini. RCA VL 46003.
Beethoven: Symphony No 9. NBCSO/Toscanini. VL 46002.
Verdi: Requiem. NBCSO/Toscanini. VL 46010 (2 discs).

EMI's eightieth birthday present to Sir William Walton is a boxed set of his own choral and orchestral recordings from the Fifties and Sixties, an immensely valuable permanent record. Here are Walter Legge's Philharmonia Orchestra and Pitz's Chorus (*Belshazzar*), both in their heyday; with Walton's conducting, whether in the needlesharp teasing of the *Partita* or the remarkably refined *Henry V* Suite, pointing quite stunningly the transparency of his scoring, the fresh originality of its inner rhythmic life, the intensity and unpredictability of the tiniest unit.

In the absence of the concertos, it is Walton's 1953 performance of the first symphony, deleted for more than 20 years, that is such a treat. Few readings bite so sharply into the angles of each rhythmic figure, build the climaxes with such tingling tension, enable us to taste so keenly the piquancy of the orchestration.

Haitink's new version, with the present Philharmonia, another special release, has all the brightness of brass and timpani detail, the more luxurious resonance of a modern digital recording. Yet the interpretation, and more notably the *playing*, never sniffs blood as Walton's mono version does: the pattering opening figures and and the fugal finale sound tame and routine by comparison, while the slower tempo of the third movement overheats its cool poise and smudges its lucidity. To a listener of the younger generation, the Walton box, which also includes the 1955 definition of the *Façade* Suite, marches and overtures, comes as something of a revelation: of Walton as conductor, of the playing of the old Philharmonia, and, indeed, of Legge's Fifties recordings.

"Toscanini: the man behind the legend" is how RCA package their commemoration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the maestro's death, a smartly designed series of reissues of pre-1954 recordings of which these are only a sample. I found his Mozart 40 something of a disapointment. The Schubert Eighth, though, with its moments of chilling isolation, shows that characteristic and quite alarming intensity of purpose and sense of rediscovery that makes his Beethoven 9 one of the most rivetting performances, including live ones, I have ever heard.

In the 1952 recording with which, at 85, even Toscanini admitted he was "almost satisfied", the vibrant inner energy of counterpoint, its shooting rhythms and daring tempi, ignite in a performance which makes one realize how many present-day conductors play safe or really know *the work only* superficially.

Even the "half-speed mastering" of these reissues cannot quite cope with the impetus of the Robert Shaw Chorale in the Verdi *Requiem*, a live recording from the *1951* Carnegie Hall performance. Toscanini moulds the work's fluctuating passions in one virile, highly-charged melodic line, so that, for example, everything seems at the beginning to lead to di Stefano's thrillingly triumphant "Kyrie" entry, on to the glowing "Oro supplex" of Siepi and resting, at last, in the awe-filled "Hostias", with Fedora Barbieri and Herva Nelli one of the most sensuous moments of this quite exceptional performance.



Paul Griffiths

A nightingale with gravitas

Stravinsky: Le chant du rossignol, etc. Orchestre National Boulez. Erato STU 71428/Conifer.
Stravinsky: Histoire du soldat. Soloists, Ensemble InterContemptorain/Boulez. Erato STU 71426/Conifer.
Stravinsky: Pulcinella; Concertino. Soloists, Ensemble InterContemporain/Boulez. Erato *STU 71427*/Conifer.
Sibelius: Pohjola's Daughter, etc. Boston SO/Davis. Philips 9500 893; ▭7300 893.

Stravinsky's centenary year has already brought us a cornucopia of his own recordings from CBS, and much more is on the way, but I do not expect to enjoy anything more than Boulez's new disc including *Le chant du rossignol*. This has always been one of Boulez's special favourites, proceeding from *The Rite of Spring* but in a manner more brilliant, more exotic, more French, and he performs it splendidly, if with a touch more weight than has been his wont, so that the flashing jewel colours of Stravinsky's Chinese fantasy are joined by an undertow of Honnegger-like seriousness.



Stravinsky: well served

The only other orchestral work of the immediate post-*Rite* years was the set of *Four Studies*, and these are offered on the second side together with the compositions on which they were based: the Three Pieces for string quartet and the Study for pianola, the latter never before recorded. One thus has a fascinating opportunity to observe Stravinsky at work, not merely orchestrating his music but emblazoning the colours that already seem inherent in the original versions. This illuminating, exciting record also includes the two editions of the Four Russian Peasant Songs for women's chorus, the first plain, the second with ripping accompaniments for horn quartet.

The companion *Histoire du soldat* recording has Patrice Chereau as the soldier, which may tempt cherishers of the *Ring* and *Lulu* to get their own back by throwing eggs at the loudspeakers. He is, however, more than adequate in the part, as too are the distinguished actor-director Roger Planchon as the narrator and Antoine Vitez as a suave, subtle devil. But even with this cast, even with the French text the music demands, and even with a pointed, precise account of the music, *Histoire du soldat* is hard to take as a purely aural experience. It is all theatre, and it cannot really be appreciated as anything less.

This is not true, of course, of Stravinsky's ballets, least of all *Pulcinella*, where the action is between Stravinsky and the eighteenth-century music on which he chooses to operate. Unfortunately, though, Stravinsky's musical kleptomania is something Boulez has never been able to understand, and his performance is that of someone who sees no point in what he is doing: wit becomes drudgery. There are nice soloists, including Anthony Rolfe Johnson, but there is too much wrong here for anyone to be too pleased about what *is right*.

These three Stravinsky discs mark Boulez's return to the Erato lists, and they can be had together in a shoddily packaged set, STU 71425. My advice, though, would be to *seize the orchestral disc* and then think about *Histoire du soldat* if you can tolerate hearing a radio play in French.

Colin Davis reminds us of his magnificent Sibelius *symphony cycle and adding* to it a record of shorter works with the same orchestra, the Boston Symphony. *Pohjola's Daughter*, in particular, is outstanding: luminous, strange and in its big climax majestic without being at all vulgar. There is much pleasure to be had too from *En saga* and even from the excessively familiar *Karelia* Suite and *Valse triste*.

Television/Michael Church

Love and tears

The differences between discourse and stage and *television dialogue* are often not fully appreciated. Whereas the unfortunate treader of the boards must maintain a steady stream of sound while rolling on the floor, biting the carpet and pulling the dagger out of his back, his colleague on the screen can afford to arrange himself in attitudes, bursting only intermittently into song with lines like "What do you mean?", "Oops", and "Sorry".

The ubiquitous Paula Milne is *currently demonstrating* how deep the divide can be. With Love Is Old, Love Is New (in the *Love Story* slot) she is cramming full-blown women's magazine pathos into neat little celluloid capsules. James Fox and Jane Asher weep nightly in their lonely cot because they cannot make a baby. "God in heaven, why us?" wails Fox at one point: no more need be said, nor is. He makes a sexual advance: "No, darling. Not till next week." — "Oh you and your bloody timetables!" Once more, enough said. Fox is meant to be seen as a casualty of the flower-power craze. How do you do it? Easy — make him sing a Beatles song every few minutes.

Last night, in *The Sidmonth Letters* (BBC 2) Miss Milne offered the dramatization of a story by Jane Gardam *in which* the discovery of some love letters from Jane Austen are made the occasion both for a modestly successful woman novelist's revenge on her male chauvinist ex-tutor and for her own creative self-liberation.

Crammed into a mere 35 minutes, this was a cleverly convoluted story, much helped by deft direction by Nicholas Renton. As with *Love Story*, rapid cross-cutting and minimal dialogue filled out the picture with bold, simple strokes. "It was inevitable, expected. She had been ill for years", said the Mailerish academic of the wife lying freshly dead in the next room, and that had to be explanantion enough for his impassivity. The camera flashed back to a tutorial scene, forward to the lady novelist's discovery of his plagiarism of her thesis, back to her meeting with the wife, forward to the perusal of the Austen letters: everything was a bit neat.

And finally not quite believable. No bluestocking who identified so closely with Jane Austen would burn a literary find of this magnitude, just to keep it out of a pair of hated hands. Steal it, hide it, but never burn it.

Because of extreme production difficulties a number of regular Saturday items have had to be held over this week. We apologize and hope they will return next week.

Illustrated London News

St Benedict's College and Monastry at Fort Augustus on the Caledonian Canal, 1880

Travel/Ronald Faux

By canal in search of Nessie

The Great Glen runs across northern Scotland like an axeblow struck 350 million years ago between where Fort William and Inverness now stand. The separation of the north-west Highlands was marked by the long lochs of Oich and Ness that were sensibly linked together in the nineteenth century to form the Caledonian canal, a useful short cut for sailing ships wishing to avoid a passage around the northern tip of Scotland through the vicious seas of the Pentland Firth.

The stretches of neat navigation linking the open waters of the lochs and the east and west Scottish coasts were designed in 1773 by James Watt, but it was not until 1803 that Thomas Telford began to cut the canal. It took almost 20 years to complete, by which time a dependable steam engine had been devised — through the researches of James Watt — and the need for an escape route deminished.

Fishing boats and small freighters still traverse the Caledonian through its creaking loch gates but the canal now serves a different commercial purpose. In the days of trading vessels when puffers fussed their way from loch to loch, the beauty of the surrounding scenery was incidental. It is now the principal attraction promoted by the Highlands and Islands Development Board, the tourism authorities and a number of cruiser operators on the canal.

Seafaring vessels have largely *yielded to flotillas of* bright plastic cruisers that nod to one another between the loch gates and potter about the open waters. It is the peace and quiet, the sight of colours reflecting and fracturing on the water that are the main appeals of Telford's canal.

I have cruised the waterways at every time of year in all kinds of craft. It is fine in summer when the waters of Loch Oich are warm enough to plunge into but out of season the canal is little appreciated. On a winter weekend when the air is brittle with frost, the hills lit by clear winter sunshine in the still air, the lochs lie smooth as lacquer. You can admire the scenery from the warmth of a wheelhouse at little more than half the peak summer cost and cruising types are not preyed upon by the ubiquitous Scottish midge that infests the canal bank in summer.

There are half a dozen boat operators on this 60-mile length of the Caledonian. Jim Hogan, of Caley Cruisers at Inverness provides craft that are comprehensively equipped, extremely comfortable and have the additional stability of being named after *Scottish castles*.

A cruise begins with a brief word of instruction to the embryo captain and crew. The craft are easy enough to control and the powerful diesel engines are governed down to a purposeful cruising speed. There is a wealth of places on the canal to visit or moor overnight and Caley has provided numerous mooring points for their clients. It is possible to be gregarious and tie up alongside another cruiser or seek the isolation of a solitary mooring in a quiet bay.

The canal is bordered by many interesting historical sites and on Loch Ness offers the chance of a fortune to the crew able to spot the elusive beast alleged to lurk there. The Loch Ness Monster is no modern creation dreamed up by newspapers. Saint Adamnan, the abbot of Iona who died in 704, referred in his writings to an *aquatilis bestia* in the loch and the story has gone on *ever since*.

Jim Hogan, with an eye to the thriving local Monster industry, has fitted one of his cruisers with powerful side scanning radar so that any client can conduct his own Monster hunt.

"I think *it is beyond doubt* that there is something there. Too many level-headed folk have seen it. I have talked to them about it and I am convinced", he said.

Perhaps his boat, New Atlantis, will track down the beast from 700 feet but the most exciting result so far has been the wreckage of a Wellington bomber that crashed in Loch Ness during the last war.

A variety of vessels is available from Caley Cruisers sleeping between three and eight people. All have sundecks, spacious cabins and tenders for reaching the shore when the vessel is at anchor. Charges average between £30 and £60 per person per week depending on the season. The five berth New Atlantis is available with Monster-hunting systems for between £50 and £80 per berth per week.

Bridge/Jeremy Flint

Beyond the book

A table of recommended opening *leads seems to be an* essential ingredient of most elementary bridge books. The list invariably starts with the blue-blooded AKQ and KQJ and finishes with the proletarian Jxx and lowly xxx.

The absurd rigidity of this tuition reminds me of an incident in my school cadet corps. As a necessary preliminary to field day manoeuvres, we filed into the armoury to collect our kit *from the Quartermaster* Sergeant. When it came to my turn, he gravely handed me a large cylindrical block of wood, attached to a leather sling. "What is that supposed to be?", I asked. "Have you no imagination, Lance Corporal? It is a *trench mortar*."

Swiftly calculating that carrying this clumsy object as I tramped five miles over ploughed fields would make the day even more wearisome, I made what I thought was a helpful offer. "Sergeant Major, I am prepared to *imagine* that I am carrying a deadly weapon, without any constant physical reminder."

The old trooper bristled. "One day", he barked, "you will learn the value of discipline, and unquestioning obedience". At the bridge table, and probably in today's army, blind adherence to a set of rules is a poor substitute for logical thought.

The first decision that the opening *leader must make is* strategical. Should he attack, of play passive? Only when he has made up his mind should he then decide which suit and which card offer the best chance of fulfilling his tactical objective. The text books say that *it is* correct to attack when leading against a small slam, but play safe against a grand slam. Suppose you hold this hand as West:

♠ K 8 4
♡ K 8 4
♦ K 2
♣ J 10 8 7 6

The opponents have bid as follows:

South	North
1♣	2NT
3♡	4♣
4♦	5♣
5♡	6♡
No	—

To select an attacking lead would be insanity. The bidding suggests that the opponents have little to spare, and that *your two major* kings may represent an unsurmountable stumbling block. But change the bidding sequence:

South	North
1♣	3♦
3♣	4♠
5♣	5♦
6♣	No

Now your ♦K has become a liability rather than an asset. Left in peace, declarer will probably lose a trick to your ♠QK, and then develop the diamonds with the help of a successful finesse. This is the time to *attack*. Lead a heart.

"Lead the fourth highest *of your longest and strongest* suit against no trumps", is a further piece of advice that does not deserve uncritical compliance. Consider this hand:

North: ♠K62 ♡K87 ♦AJ9 ♣J972
West: ♠AQ1074 ♡J104 ♦72 ♣Q43
East: ♠9 ♡A932 ♦Q108543 ♣106
South: ♠J853 ♡Q65 ♦K6 ♣AK85

The bidding has been:

West	North	East	South
—	—	—	1NT
No	2NT	No	No
No	—	—	—

On your lead of a small spade, a capable declarer will make eight tricks. Winning the spade lead in hand, he will dislodge your ♣Q. When you astutely switch to the ♡J, he will rise with dummy's ♡K, limiting the defence to two heart tricks. The de*fenders no longer possess the* communications to take more than five tricks.

Study the effect of the opening lead of the ♡J. Declarer, deprived of the present of a trick on the lead, will fight a losing battle to establish his eighth trick. Of course, it is unfortunate that East has a singleton spade, but the point is more fundamental. Against 3NT it is sometimes good business to sacrifice the trick for the tempo. Against 2NT the defence will often have time to change direction. A generalization with some merit is that it is right to attack against 3NT but prefer more passive openings against no trump part scores.

The interior sequence is another worthy target for the aspiring iconclast.

Rubber bridge. Game all. Dealer South.

North: ♠Q972 ♡KQ104 ♦98 ♣KQ10
West: ♠AJ1065 ♡72 ♦AJ2 ♣987
East: ♠84 ♡J953 ♦753 ♣A432
South: ♠K3 ♡A86 ♦KQ1064 ♣J65

West	North	East	South
—	—	—	1NT
No	2♣	No	2♦
No	3NT	No	No
No	—	—	—

Opening lead ♠J

Encouraged by his two tens, North *stretches for* game. The destiny of the contract is soon decided. Declarer allows the ♠J to run to his ♠K. He then crosses to dummy with the ♡Q in order to play a diamond towards his hand, West is powerless. He cannot prevent declarer from establishing his diamonds, because dummy's ♠9 provides a crucial third spade stop. If West had selected the ♠6 for his opening lead, it would have been a very different story. When he obtains the lead, West can cash the ♠A and use his equals to dislodge dummy's ♠Q.

Gardening/Roy Hay

Flowering armchairs

Now that we have Mothering *Sunday safely behind us*, prices in the florists' shops have come back to normal. For a few weeks we will be seeing in the shops plants of the hardy Kurume or Japanese azaleas and these are a very good buy. There are, of course still plenty of plants around of the large flowered azaleas in the florists shops which have been on offer since the end of the year.

These are forms of *Rhododendron (Azalea) simsii, often sold erroneously as Azalea indicum. R. simsii* comes from China and with its hybrids and varieties is only half hardy and needs to be brought into a house or heated greenhouse before frosts arrive in the autumn.

Such plants bought in the past few months should be watered and fed with a suitable soluble fertilizer, and given some foliar feeds as well until it is safe to place them out in a semi-shaded part of the garden, say at the end of May of early in June when danger of frost is past. Feeding and watering, of course should continue during the *summer*.

These azaleas if looked after are kept shapely by pinching back the new shoots a little in summer. At the international florallies on the continent one sees superb specimens of these azaleas — conical plants 6 feet high and even some ancient plants trained as arm chairs smothered with flowers which have been trotted out to these exhibitions for many years.

But now on we are seeing the hardy azaleas in pots — somewhat similar to those we see at Christmas but with *single or sometime* "hose in hose", that is, semi double flowers in vivid colours which are not found in the Simsii varieties. When we have enjoyed them indoors, they may be planted out, and they will grow larger and more beautiful with the passing years. They prefer a slightly sheltered position away from cold winds and preferaby where the early morning sun does not reach them as late frosts may singe the flowers.

Although they are hardy these pot plants have been pushed along under glass and after a period in the home will *need to be* "hardened off" — that is accustomed gently to outdoor conditions. When they have finished flowering put them in a porch, a cold frame, under a cloche or in an unheated room so they may by acclimatized gently and, if frost is forecast, bring them under cover.

Once established in the garden, they are hardy enough. These Kurume azaleas are fine for the front of a *shrub border, or a rock* garden, growing to a height of three to four feet and a similar or even wider spread.

I wish the glasshouse growers could find more plants that they could grow in pots and have in flower out of season but which we could plant out in the garden to grow on for many years.

I don't think you have to be a canny Scot like me to appreciate the value of a pot plant that can do its turn in *the home and then give* pleasure for years in the garden.

It all began at Ooty but I must admit I'm snookered when the prankster takes his cue

In one of his agreeable rambles around the sporting scene towards the back of the paper recently, Hunter Davies paused to meditate about the etymology of snooker in its centenary year. In particular, he wondered whether there was any connexion with cocking a snook.

These are deep waters, Hunter. The clever men at Oxford, who know all there is to be knowed, have so far been unwilling to commit themselves on the subject. They list snooker as a word of unknown origin. We wait impatiently for the next volume of the majestic *Supplement* to the *OED* this summer to see, among other things, whether they are still snookered.

Less exact scholars are content with the folk etymology. This relates that the noblest of ball games was conceived in the officers' mess at Jubbulpore by a subaltern in the Devonshire Regiment called Neville Chamberlain, who put another coloured ball on the billiard table in order to provide a variation of the game then known as "black pool".

Snooker was born some years later in the Ootacamund Club, or Ooty, in the hills of Nilgiris in southern India. Sir Neville later recalled that while a game with the coloured balls was going on, a fellow officer was chatting to him about the Royal *Military Academy, Woolwich*, and the use of the nickname snooker for a freshman.

This itself is believed to have been a corruption of the original word for a new cadet, which was *Neux*, in itself an oddity. Or you can believe that it came from the slang verb to snook, a variant of snoke, meaning to sneak.

'To soothe the feelings of the culprit I added that we were all snookers at the game, so it would be very appropriate to call the game snooker'

Sir Neville reminisces in the snooker-room: "One of our party failed to hole a coloured ball close to a corner pocket, and I called out to him, "Why — you're a regular snooker. To soothe the feelings of the culprit I added that we were all snookers at the game, so it would be very appropriate to call the game snooker. The suggestion was adopted with enthusiasm ... While it is correct to say that the game was first played at Jubbulpore in 1875, it never really made progress until played by members of the Ootacamund Club".

All this I most powerfully and potently believe, although it does not explain how to be snookered came to describe the predicament that I always find myself in when I am rash enough to venture on to the green baize: of being stuck behind a ball of one colour while desirous and quite incapable of hitting a ball of another colour. Being behind the eight ball is the American description of the same predicament in a different game.

So now for snooks. The precisians at Oxford are again unwilling to hazard an uncertain etymology. This need not inhibit the rest of us from rushing in where angels fear to tread. The custom of making a gesture of derision by placing the thumb on the nose-tip and spreading the fingers fanwise, with the optional extra of joining the tip of the little finger to the thumb of the other hand, seems to have arisen in the late eighteenth century. Cf *The Spectator* of 1712, "The 'prentice speaks his disrespect by an extended finger".

Also cf. the French *faire un pied de nez*, and the German *eine lange nase machen*. Snooks in the nineteenth century was the colloquial hypothetical surname of a person not identified or identifiable. It was the imaginary name of a practical joker; it was also a derisive retort to an idle question: "Snooks!" I can trace no connexion with Ooty, the RMA, or snooker. There the matter must rest, Hunter, until Bob Burchfield's next vol thunders from the press in June. Roll on that happy day.

Philip Howard

Public school patriot or liar of the century? Anthony Glees reveals important new evidence in the MI5 controversy

The Hollis letters: could they have been written by a spy?

Dear Meg,
The D.C. teas have just arrived quite safely. Thank you so much for them. They came round by Suez, which accounts for the length of time they took. I don't know what's happened to the Siberian route recently, it is more than a fortnight since I got any sort of letter that way. As far as I know there is no reason for it, so I suppose the mails must have been delayed.

Who was Roger Hollis? Was he a faithful servant of Britain? Or was he the most ingenious Soviet mole of his generation? Over the past year the British public has been treated to claim and counter-claim about Hollis's years in MI5 and his period as its Director General from 1956 to 1965. There are those, most notably Mr Chapman Pincher, who have cast the gravest aspersions on a man who cannot answer back and they have adduced at least some evidence to show that Hollis's loyalty was for a time under suspicion. Others are convinced of his innocence. Until now, this group has had very few hard facts to support its case. Even the Prime Minister, Mrs Margaret Thatcher, stated on March 26, 1981, that although she was convinced Hollis was blameless, it was impossible to prove a negative. Letters to *The Times* from former colleagues like Sir *Martin Furnival Jones* (his successor) could, for obvious reasons, never supply chapter and verse for their stated faith in Hollis.

Now, however, important new evidence has come to light which strongly supports the case of those convinced of Hollis's loyalty to the Crown. While this evidence does not deal with all the charges that have been made against him, it does, in my own view, totally destroy Pincher's main accusation against Hollis. This was that while Hollis worked in China from 1928 until June 1936, he was converted to Communism and that in China he formed an association with the legendary master-spy Richard Sorge and his helpers, Agnes Smedley and Ruth Kucyznski.

This evidence consists mainly of a very large number of letters written by Hollis while an employee of the British American Tobacco Company addressed mainly to his mother, the wife of the Bishop of Taunton. It was discovered in boxes after the death of the first Lady Hollis. It has been supplemented by oral evidence and by an important document freely available in the Public Record Office.

In his now famous book, *Their Trade is Treachery*, Chapman Pincher makes a number of serious allegations against Hollis (allegations recently repeated on the BBC). He offers three main reasons why he believes Hollis worked for the Soviet Union: bribery, blackmail or conviction. As far as bribery was concerned, the evidence from the letters shows that Hollis could not have been susceptible to the lure of money. On November 28, 1935, for example, he wrote from Chungking:

"I must have a statement of my shares. They're not quoted in *The Times* so I can't gloat over all the money I'm making. I think I'll invest a little over here. We don't spend much for there's nothing to spend it on."

Blackmail was, of course, always a possibility: but Hollis would have had to have suffered from a very serious vice for blackmail to have been used for 30 years. Homosexuality might have been one such vice. But Hollis was certainly no homosexual and although his first marriage was not a happy one most colleagues in MI5 knew about this and about his friendship (which began in 1947) with a fellow officer who was to become the second Lady Hollis. This leaves conviction: that Hollis became a mole because he was converted to Communism.

Were it possible to make this charge stick, it would indeed be sufficient to damn Hollis. It would place him firmly in the same category as the *other* Thirties traitors that we now know about. Hollis's Chinese days, were they to provide evidence of a Communist conversion, would then be the missing link between Hollis and the charmed circle of Blunt, Philby, Burgess and Maclean.



Hollis and his first wife, Evelyn Swayne, at their wedding at Wells Cathedral in July, 1937

But, as these letters prove, there was no such link. The story is quite different from the one put out by Mr Pincher. First of all, Pincher is wrong to say that Hollis "wormed his way" into MI5 after becoming a Communist. In fact, Hollis was invalided out of British American Tobacco because he contracted TB about which he was, as he put it, "rather annoyed" since he had wanted to stay in the Far East. (He reurned via Canada and not Siberia, as Pincher states). Second, there is no mention anywhere in these letters of Richard Sorge or Agnes Smedley, let alone Ruth Kucyznski and they make it perfectly plain none should be expected. Hollis was far too "English" and xenophobic to have met this kind of emigré group. A letter from Dairen is typical:

"This hotel is filling up with Japanese, blousy Russians and a sprinkling of rather un-Aryan-looking Germans. Completely unexciting.... There is a large colony of Russians here who go down to the beach every day to sunbathe in the most attenuated costumes. They are flamboyant, bright-red with raw patches and not very beautiful.... As for the Japanese they'll move *us out of China* unless something is done to stop them.... I am so sick of these filthy little people...."

For all we know, Sorge and his friends may have been part of this little contingent. Yet even if they shared Hollis's hotel they were still a world away from him, from his cocktail parties and most important, his golf. For while Blunt and Philby were plotting world revolution, Roger was worrying about his golf handicap. In February 1935 he wrote:

"Weather like this makes me long to hit a golf-ball again. It seems like years since I last did so.

It was no coincidence that when many years later Hollis met J. Edgar Hoover he not only presented Hollis with a photo inscribed "with friendship and admiration" but gave him a golf club as well. Stock market speculation and golfing are not usually associated with convinced Communists. Nor is a fondness for public-school life. Yet Hollis was always delighted to recall his school days at Clifton and on one occasion begged his mother to send a couple of old school ties to China since it was "so difficult to get decent ties out here".

When in December 1934, on the other side of the world, Hollis contracted the killer disease of TB, his public school spirit (or the spirit such education was meant to encourage) clearly asserted itself. He wrote to his father:

"I've had rather an unpleasant experience.... I woke up on Monday with an attack of bleeding like the one I had after the West of England golf championship.... I'm going to be X-rayed as soon as we can arrange it and I'll let you know the worst."

On those occasions when politics intrudes into his letters, Hollis's views are equally predictable. They are totally balanced except where England is concerned, when it is always assumed to be best. He certainly disliked both Communism and Fascism and both for empirical rather than theoretical reasons. A letter written in October 1934 provides a good example:

"and now for the journey on the Trans-Siberian express of which I could tell you little before as the Russians have a way of reading letters and criticism is not encouraged. Berlin struck *me* as a wonderful city but I didn't like the militaristic Hitlerism which one finds everywhere. Uniforms, strutting self-importance and fantastic salutations on all sides. The poor civilian is very small beer.... The next day we arrived in Moscow where we were *met* by a representative of Intourist in a very luxurious Lincoln car with a charming young lady as a guide. The Kremlin looked fine — from the outside. Lenin's tomb looked rather like a *high-class public lavatory* without any dignity or artistic merit. I have never seen anything which depressed me so unutterably as Moscow. It is a huge drab slum, people ill-dressed in the most deplorable ready-mades, though not in rags, I admit."

We should complement this with a letter written to his fiancé (after his return to England) in the winter of 1936: "Hidden away in me I have always had a passionate loyalty to the monarchy and to the ideal and duties of the English gentleman. All my time abroad has strengthened that because I've seen how much other people do respect our code. Edward has let the side down utterly — has just quit on us. I'm sorry to sound like a public school speech-day but it's so cryingly weak that any man should risk the whole future of the monarchy and Empire for personal happiness. Staunch Conservative that I am, I feel Edward has let us down as no man on earth has the power to do."

Any historian of Roger Hollis is faced with two possibilities. Either these letters are genuine and Hollis cannot have been a Communist mole, ordered to infiltrate MI5 or else Hollis wrote these letters so as to confound future research into his past, which would surely make him the most ingenious liar of the twentieth century. I am certain they are genuine and I do not believe they are a fraud.

First of all, they are confirmed by all the other evidence that I managed to gain. Hollis is, for example, on record as having warned the Foreign Office in 1945 about Stalin's true intentions for the future political life of the nations occupied by the Red Army (a warning the Foreign Office does not appear to have taken very seriously). Furthermore, a former colleague distinctly recalled that during the war, but after the 1941 alliance with Russia, when Hollis lay sick with another TB attack in a sanatorium near Cirencester, he — Hollis warned him to continue watching the Soviet Union closely since its being an ally did not preclude it wishing to subvert British aims.

Secondly, everyone always leaves a trail if only we bother to look for it. Blunt and his conspirators were known to be Communists by either parents, friends or lovers. Dora Philby, Kim Philby's mother, for example, wrote to her husband in 1934 complaining about "Kim's bloody Communism". When questioned later, the thirties traitors simply said they had changed their minds: but their trails remained. Hollis's trail can also be seen. It is his Chinese interlude and it is "clean".

No one, certainly no contemporary historian, could ever claim to be 100 per cent certain about anyone. Much of Hollis's subsequent career is as yet undocumented. He clearly made what seem to be some very serious mistakes, most notably in his failure to catch Blunt, Philby, Burgess and Maclean. Perhaps he did not believe that men from his sort of background could possibly be agents of Russia. But this lack of imagination (detectable in his letters) which may even be gross incompetence, still does not add up to treachery. One thing, however, seems so probable that it must be accepted as the truth in the absence of hard facts to the contrary: to depict Hollis as a convinced Marxist is both unhistorical and utterly absurd.

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Geoffrey Smith

Complementary if not complimentary

At the beginning of last week it seemed that the Conservatives might be about to follow Labour in one of its least fortunate escapades and precipitate a crisis over the deputy leadership. The Tory hounds were being let loose upon Mr Whitelaw. The party and the general public were in a state of particular agitation over law and order, and as a not noticeably hawkish Home Secretary he seemed to be a natural victim. All the more so as the personal support of the Prime Minister could not be taken for granted. When Mr Whitelaw received a rough reception from a raucous party conference at Blackpool last October, her speech on the final day implied a greater sensitivity towards his critics than to him.

So now he had to endure trial by ordeal before the Conservative backbench home affairs committee, the House of Commons *itself*, and *finally* the Conservative Central Council meeting at Harrogate. That he emerged unscathed, with strong backing from Mrs Thatcher herself at Harrogate, has a double significance for the Conservatives. He will be able not only to continue as Home Secretary with his authority undimmed, but also to remain the loyal deputy that he has been since he lost the leadership election to Mrs Thatcher seven years ago.

The role of deputy leader is one that is always essential but often unnoticed. Mr Whitelaw's contribution to this Government as deputy leader is not fully appreciated even by a number of those who approve of his performance as Home Secretary. He is not personally close to Mrs Thatcher. He is a very different kind of politician, with a shrewd instinct for what will work rather than any powerful capacity for analysis, or attachment to doctrine. His policy preferences are by no means the same as hers.

Yet from the very moment that Mrs Thatcher was chosen as party leader he has accepted that his chance has passed. He has known that it would by no use waiting for opportunity to knock again: if anything were to happen to Mrs Thatcher he would not be the successor. So he has concentrated on bolstering her position, not undermining it. Without him a Cabinet that has often been sadly divided would have been torn even farther apart. He has been all the more effective in providing a steadying influence within the Government because he comes from the opposite wing of the party to his leader.

In this respect, as in others, he can be compared to Mr Foot, who was an outstandingly loyal and generous deputy to Mr Callaghan from 1976 to 1980. The comparison with Mr Whitelaw is instructive in many ways. Mr Foot was the runner-up in the election at which his leader was chosen. Few people thought then that his chance would come again, and Mr Foot himself gave every impression during those years of not believing that he would ever be leader of the party. Indeed, when Mr Callaghan finally retired from the leadership, Mr Foot did not at first put himself foward as a candidate. He also made the unity of the Callaghan team his first priority rather than fighting tooth and nail for the policies of his own choice. He did so at some personal cost, because many of his old associates on the left came to believe that he had sold out. But a future biographer might well conclude that it was this period which saw his greatest service to the Labour Party.

Neither of Mr Callaghan's immediate predecessors as Prime Minister established a particularly effective relationship with his deputy. Sir Harold Wilson was probably too mistrustful, too suspicious of the coup around the corner, to allow a partnership to flourish. The relationship of Mr Heath with the man who was his deputy during most of his years as party leader, Reginald Maudling, is more difficult to assess. During Maudling's last years, when both men were in the political wilderness, they spoke up strongly for each other. But it is hard to believe that they were really all that close during their years of power.

Maudling once remarked to me that in all his time as Mr Heath's deputy they had never had lunch alone together. Whether or not his memory was accurate, this certainly does not suggest much of a working partnership. Mr Heath was probably too wary to risk it before he became Prime Minister, and by then the pattern of their relationship had been set. Maudling had been Mr Heath's strongest challenger for the leadership indeed, many people at the time were surprised that Mr Heath won and certainly did not believe that his chance had gone for ever when he lost.

Mr Harold Macmillan was still more uneasy with his deputy, "Rab" Butler, going out of his way to block Butler's chance of the succession. Yet the Macmillan premiership benefitted greatly from Butler's service. His skill in chairing Cabinet committees, his accomplishment in managing government business, his ability to cope with the really contentious problems as was demonstrated most notably by his handling of the Central African Federation — these were what contributed so much to that Government.

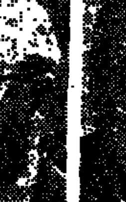
Eden did not really have time to establish a close relationship with a deputy, though it is doubtful if his taut and prickly disposition would ever have enabled him to do so. Throughout the years when Eden was himself deputy to Churchill it was popularly assumed that this was an ideal partnership, based on mutual admiration across the divide of a generation. It is an assumption that has not survived the scrutiny of recent scholarship. Not only was the relationship tense and often tinged with rancour, but it must be uncertain whether Eden contributed all that much as a deputy as distinct from his performance as Foreign Secretary.

Attlee and Herbert Morrison also had a difficult relationship, but in their case it was a productive one as well. Morrison had made a last-ditch attempt to prevent Attlee from becoming Prime Minister after the electoral triumph of 1945, and Attlee repaid him by clinging on to the leadership for long enough to prevent Morrison from succeeding him. But in the intervening years Morrison played a great part in the success of the Attlee Government. Like Butler, he was adept in making the wheels of government go round.

What then are the qualities required in a deputy Prime Minister? Not, it would seem, compatibility with the Prime Minister, strangely enough. Butler and Morrison were highly successful despite being distinctly incompatible; and Mr Whitelaw is still somewhat distant. It seems to matter much more that the deputy should be complementary to the Prime Minister, complementary in administrative skills, in political strengths, and even possibly in opinions as well. There may be no friendship at the top in politics, but there can be a balance of power.




Attlee and Morrison: difficult but productive




Churchill and Eden: tense and tinged with rancour

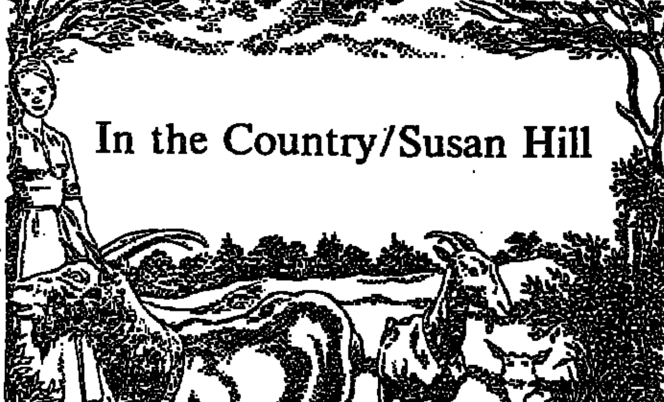



Macmillan and Butler: succession deliberately blocked




Wilson and Callaghan: distrust and suspicion

The Bruins try the good life



This is the tale of woe I have heard about people who moved into the country, got "a bit of land" and were bent on self-sufficiency and organic gardening, the good life. They acquired chickens and a pig and some goats — always goats — bees and perhaps a spinning wheel, dug up an acre for vegetables and, sooner or later came the grief.

So I have been very wary of the siren voices. They said, "a bit more land to grow more vegetables" and I listened and they said "hens" and listened, and acquired both, but then I turned the sound down on the voices. Our way of life is too busy, too complicated and finely balanced between various activities to allow for those animals whose daily care is such a tie and a responsibility, over and above the ones we already have. We need to go out or away, separately or together, we are both working at jobs outside the country, we are not committed to the ideal of providing everything for ourselves.

But the sirens kept on saying "goats", so I thought the least I could do was to look into the whole subject of their keeping. I knew in advance that they would be no good for us atall. Twice-daily milking all round the year would be far too much for me to let myself in for; we do not have either enough land, or the right sort of land, for goats do not particularly like grass; two goats (you have to have two, or they pine) would provide too much for us, even if I made a lot of cheese.

All the same, I went up to see the Bruins.

The Bruins are both in their twenties, and struggling, in a dilapidated, rented cottage-plus-couple-of-acres, to be truly and completely self-sufficient. They make pots and they paint, and Nell does woven pictures; they have enthusiasm and starry-eyed ideals, and two young children and no money and the water is fast closing over their heads.

They will have to give in, I know it. They are cold in winter, and she is weary and worn-down, and the children are constantly ill. No one buys their work, or not much, and their animals get sick, because they do not really have enough expertise to cope with them, nor can they afford to pay a vet's bills.

Yet I am on their side, because their ideals are right and good, in spite of being ill-thought-out and impractical, and because they are so happy together, and so kind and gentle. Their house is a mess, a homely, scruffy, impecunious mess, but they have reclaimed an unpromising field, and made things grow.

They have rotten luck. Their first seed potatoes were given to them, and all diseased; they tried to sell their produce at the gate, but no one knows they are there, so there is no passing trade and everyone in the village itself already grows their own. When they put up signs on the main road, a man from the council came and told them they were trading illegally, so they took their produce into the city markets, and there they continue to sell it, but the traders take a large profit from them first. They staggered from season to season, and now think they might try and acquire a caravan and become gypsies, or a canal boat, and become water gypsies.

What they do know about, though, are goats, or at least Nell does, and she sells the milk to quite a few customers in Barley, and her own goat cheese, too, which is salty and creamy, tangy and crumbly and altogether delicious.

She has six goats now, so there are always kids about the place. They graze both the meadow, the orchard and some scrubland which a farmer lets them use in return for cheese, and make a pretty sight, and a pretty sound, too, because Nell has put bells on the woven collars round their necks, so that it sounds like Switzerland, near to their house.

By the time I had spent an hour with her, I had confirmed my feeling that I wanted to keep goats very much indeed, and that I could not possibly do so. Not yet. So we shall just go and visit Nell's and buy their milk and cheese. As long as the Bruins are up there, that is, but they seemed very depressed about their prospects, although quite firm in their commitment to a country life, to self-employment and self-sufficiency.

I suspect that, to make it work, you have to be both larger in terms of the amount of land and animals you have, and more ruthless and efficient and blinkered than Nell and Rod are or could ever become, and, also, rather more professional about what paperwork has to be done and cannot be evaded, and better at producing pots and paintings than either of them, with their modest talents.

A lot of people derided the Bruins when they arrived, and a lot of people would gloat if they threw in the sponge, but I should be sorry, and for the village, too, because they bring the right spirit to us, unacquisitive, loving, relaxed, the opposite of time-serving, and they have a contentment and a stillness, in spite of their troubles, which makes their company so refreshing.

TIMES PAST THE TIMES

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NAKED AGGRESSION

Argentina's seizure of the Falkland Islands is as perfect an example of unprovoked aggression and military expansion as the world has had to witness since the end of Adolf Hitler. A number of precedents might be cited: the Soviet interventions in Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Afghanistan, the Indian takeover of Goa in 1962, the Indonesian occupation of East Timor in 1975, the Moroccan annexation of Western Sahara in 1976. All of these were deplorable acts of force, but were undertaken with at least a pretence of acting on behalf of the inhabitants of the territories concerned. In the Soviet cases, the forms of independence were maintained after invasion — keeping open at least the possibility that the substance would be gradually restored. In the other cases it was at least possible to argue that the annexed territories were part of the same land mass as the annexing power and that the population belonged to the same linguistic and cultural group.

But Argentina has not even such threadbare excuses as those. Even if the islands were uninhabited or underwater they would not fall within the two hundred mile economic zone that Argentina would nowadays be entitled to claim; and their inhabitants have not only been able repeatedly to make clear their unanimous and strong desire not to be part of Argentina but also are of manifestly different stock from the Argentine population and in no sense of Argentine origin. The islands and their inhabitants have been British for as long as Argentina has been a state. If there is any principle behind Argentina's action, it is one that threatens the right to self-determination of all island peoples throughout the world.

The Argentine junta has been generous enough to "guarantee the lives, property and rights" of the 1,800 English-speaking inhabitants — not including, presumably, their right to decide their own political destiny. Those obstinate enough to insist on this right and resist the imposition of Argentine rule will be "punished according to the law". What law? No doubt the law under which thousands of Argentine citizens have "disappeared" sometimes with their children, since the present military regime came to power since 1976.

There is a different law which should be enforced, the law of nations as embodied in the UN charter. One would like to think that the United Nations would enforce it; would be able, that is, to take collective action to restore the security of the Falkland Islands by expelling the Argentine invading force. One would like to think the mere threat of such action would induce the invader to draw back. But past experience gives no encouragement. Not since the Congo in 1960 has the UN been prepared to undertake collective action in other than a "peacekeeping" role — that is a role of freezing the situation as it is rather than reversing the consequences of aggression.

In this particular case it is a foregone conclusion that any proposed action by the Security Council will be vetoed by the Soviet Union, not only because the Soviet Union always vetoes any effective action by the Security Council but also because the Soviet Union, swallowing its ideological scruples, loses no opportunity to curry favour with Argentina's fascist rulers, on whom it depends for crucial grain supplies. Argentina helped the Russians beat President Carter's grain embargo after the invasion of Afghanistan. For the Russians to help Argentina get away with the rape of the Falkland Islands would be no more than tit for tat.

At worst, the United Nations will ratify the *fait accompli*. At best, they will utter a platonic appeal for withdrawal. Experience teaches that injustice is only redressed, in international affairs, when the injured party is able and willing to resist. The British government is right to put its case before the United Nations, but only as a prelude to taking action, and to give Argentina time to realize the foolish mistake she has made. But it must be clear that this will be followed by action unless Argentina backs down very rapidly.

Our capacity for resistance in the South Atlantic may not be perfect. We no longer "rule the waves". But we still have one of the world's more powerful navies, including a number of nuclear-powered submarines, one at least of which is almost certainly now close to the scene of action.

We can inflict severe damage on the Argentine navy if we have to reply to force with force. It should be clear that we are prepared to do that if the invaders are not withdrawn within a very short time.

The Government is being excusably reticent about its naval deployment. It may be deduced however that either the Royal Navy was not present in the area in sufficient strength to interdict the invasion or the force was present but it was decided not to use it. Either way members of Parliament are entitled to be given justification for the passivity in the Commons today.

NOW THE GARDA SAYS IT

While we wait for Mr Prior's no-surprize packet to be unwrapped, and while the Provisional IRA demonstrates once more to the fear or admiration of its public that it is able to murder members of the security forces in Northern Ireland, there must not pass unremarked a meeting at Bantry, county Cork, earlier in the week. It was a meeting of the Association of Sergeants and Inspectors of the Garda Siochana, the police force of the Republic. The delegates heard their general secretary say (and went on to pass resolutions in the same sense) that it was no longer tolerable that "we allow the most vile criminals to live freely and openly in this country" under the specious cover of political immunity; he called on his government to initiate international debate for a more specific definition of what constitutes a "political offence"; and he recommended in the meantime that the joint questioning of suspects by officers of the Garda and Royal Ulster Constabulary should be permitted in both territories — something that would put flesh on the bones of the legislation for extra-territorial jurisdiction.

The speech and its reception by that audience are highly significant. The sanctuary afforded by the Republic to suspected criminal terrorists, some of whom boast openly of their crimes when they are down there, causes more anger and resentment in Northern Ireland than almost anything else done or not done by the Republic in relation to the North. No single act by a Dublin government would do more to inject a bit of trust into unionists' attitude to the Republic than the rectification of this scandal.

The defence in depth to which ministers in Dublin have recourse is to point out that extradition and the plea of a political offence are matters for the courts; that courts apply the law; that the domestic law follows international law; that the constitution imposes an obligation to conform to international law; that the law therefore cannot be changed without first changing the constitution; and that public opinion would not permit that. All these propositions except the first two are open to challenge.

International law in this matter has developed. It is no longer safe, if it ever was, to assert that the position taken by the Irish courts — that claim to membership of the IRA at the time of an alleged offence is sufficient to make the offence one of a political character and therefore non-extraditable — is the position enshrined in international law. Two developments for example call that in question: the European Convention on the Suppression of Terrorism, and recent decisions in the courts of the United States which distinguish the quality of the crime as well as the motive of the criminal. As for public opinion, the forceful view of the sergeants (though a view of professionals conscious of the murder of their fellow policemen in the RUC) is a sign and not the only sign that there is movement.

The attorney general of the previous Irish government, Mr Peter Sutherland, was aware of development both of jurisprudence and of opinion, and was engaged in discussions with Sir Michael Havers with a view to getting a better state of law concerning fugitive offenders when the Irish government fell. Mr Haughey's attorney may be less disposed to tread that constructive path. How well it would become him to surprise us.

BRING ON THE MUSES

When the Poet Laureate, the President of the Royal Academy, the Chairman of the BBC, the Minister for the Arts, the General Administrator of Covent Garden and Mr Henry Moore all combine to promote a national cause, that cause is as aesthetically well-attested as it is possible for a cause to be. Opposition and even doubt automatically become tarred with the brush of philistinism as soon as they are voiced. And since what is proposed is only a ninth of a nine-days wonder, perhaps it is churlish to voice doubts at all. What can be more innocent than the plan launched under such august auspices for an annual National Arts Day, to be celebrated on June 24? For one day in the year, surely it will do the philistines no harm to creep into their tenements with canned beer and trifle and watch Match of the Day, leaving the world to the Muses.

June 24 has been chosen for the festival because it is not Shakespeare's birthday. The original idea was for an annual celebration to mark the coincidence that Shakespeare and Turner were both born on that day (the former also died on it, which may show what he thought of anniversaries). But though Shakespeare may belong to all the world, he does not belong to Scotland or Wales (Ben Jonson said that he wanted art in any case), so a neutral date had to be chosen. Local authorities and trade unions are reported to have expressed keen interest.

All these designated Days and Weeks and Years are inherently apt to be preposterous. Anyone can christen one, if anyone will listen, and there are already too few years to go round. This is Information Technology Year in the eyes of the Government, while the United Nations will have it that it is Mobilisation of Sanctions Against South Africa Year. The English Tourist Board insists that it is Maritime Heritage Year (which, in response to anticipated demand, is scheduled to last 36 months), though it began with Mr Nott auctioning part of the Royal Navy.

The banality that adheres to the idea of a National Arts Day must derive from the false idea of art that is implied; as if the arts were a separable and optional embellishment to human activity, to be revered in theatres and galleries in a benign glow that disarms their power to disturb the heart — as if grace was not relevant to everyday affairs. One cannot but wish the organizers well, while fearing that they will need great ingenuity if their celebration is not to promote the message: "A day for the arts, then back to real life."

Domino theory

From Mr Neil Kitson

Sir, Your assertion that history has "vindicated" the domino theory ("The Mexican Domino", March 29) is contentious. It seems to imply that one communist is the same as the next communist, and that communism spreads inevitably like Dutch elm disease.

Such an attitude takes no account of history, nationalism, or indeed of the influence of the United States itself when it sides with oppressive ruling castes to "stop the spread of communism". Had the United States supported Ho in providing economic aid and in opposing the return of French colonial rule, the post-1945 history of Southeast Asia might be very different, and much more favourable to traditional American economic interests (to say nothing of the health of the indigenous population).

Nations are complex things; more complex than small inert black blocks, whatever Mr Reagan and *Times* leader writers might wish.

Yours sincerely,
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Gloucestershire.
March 30.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Report of proposals on move to unity

From the Bishop of Norwich

Sir, I cannot see this report satisfying those with Roman fever, or allaying the anxiety of those with Roman phobia, to quote your Religious Affairs Correspondent (report, March 30). The dilution of the personal jurisdiction of the papacy is unlikely to appeal to the RC Congregation of the Faith, or indeed to the present holder of this high office, as we may be able to judge for ourselves this May, if he speaks of faith or *morals*.

The attempt to lull Anglicans, especially in England, into acceptance of a watered down papacy is unlikely to succeed, even in the equivocal sentence on pages 84 and 85:

If the leadership of the Bishop of Rome has been rejected by those who thought it was not faithful to the truth of the Gospel (compare the recent additions and dilutions of the Immaculate Conception, Infallibility and, as recently as 1950, the bodily *assumption* of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven, which appears to have had no scriptural warrant for 1900 years) and hence not a true focus of unity, we nevertheless agree that a universal primacy will be needed in a reunited Church, and should *appropriately* be the primacy of the Bishop of Rome.

Appropriately? Here is the fatal historical error. This universal primacy has already been tried and failed. By the sixteenth century all such power was seen to corrupt, until the Reformation insights of justification by faith in Christ, the supreme authority *of the Holy Scripture and* the maintenance of a threefold and not fourfold ministry delivered the continuing Catholic Church in this land into our present Church of England freedom.

From this point the Gospel was released into the world, in the autonomous, episcopal, biblical provinces of the Anglican Communion, now numbering over 60 million. We look to Canterbury with love for pastoral care and guidance and not to Rome for control and direction.

Was the commission so *mesmerized by the size of the* Roman Church, with all its doctrinal weaknesses, that it did *not look at the Canterbury model* of free, autonomous, sisterly churches?

Let us think the unthinkable and pray for the impossible, and the Gospels encourage us in boldness, so that we firmly and lovingly reject this concept of universal primacy, which is surely papacy "writ small".

Let us love each other as equal Christians under Christ, the only ultimate and eternal Head of the Church, praying that Roman, Anglican, free church and Orthodox churches grow into closer fellowship as they move into deeper holiness through the renewing work of the Spirit of God.

Yours faithfully,
MAURICE NORVIC:
The Bishop's House,
Norwich.
March 30.

From Canon Colin Beswick

Sir, Certain phrases in Cardinal Ratzinger's letter to Mgr Alan Clark (report, March 31) underline one of the difficulties of any *rapprochement* with Rome. He writes of the search for a "substantial" agreement, of the acceptance of dogmas, the possibility of divergent interpretations and the importance of a definitive agreement. Perhaps the issue lies *not so much* in the differences between us as in the possibility of an agreement to differ. Simone Weil *wrote:*

Intellectual adherence is never owed to anything whatsoever. For it is never in any degree a voluntary thing. Attention alone is voluntary. And it alone forms the subject of an obligation.

God and the supernatural must always transcend any human formulation. Hence religious truth is bound to be approximate. Over-definition tends to the idolatry of a conveniently circumscribed *God and too strict* a formulation leaves little scope for adjustment to the passing fashions of human thought.

Yet inevitably it is within such fashions of thought and language that we make the attempt to communicate religious experience. Let us beware of bartering our precious Anglican liberality for inappropriate attempts at exactitude.

COLIN BESWICK,
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Tewkesbury,
Gloucester.
March 31.

Supplementary benefit

From Mr Frank Field, MP for Birkenhead (Labour)

Sir, Each year Parliament approves changes in the minimum level of income for those unable to work. This minimum income, paid in the form of supplementary benefit, is adjusted annually in line with price increases. On a number of occasions the Prime Minister has tried to justify cuts in unemployment, sickness and other benefits on the ground that the very poorest are protected by the supplementary benefit safety net. In future this will not be so.

You reported the proceedings at the committee stage of the Social Security and Housing Benefits Bill (March 3) when the Government announced changes to the way supplementary benefit increases are to be calculated. As housing costs are to be covered by the new provisions in the Bill the Government intends to take housing costs out of the retail price index when computing supplementary benefit increases.

The RPI is not an accurate measure of price increases faced by a family on average *income*, let alone one on low income. Evidence to the Royal Commission on the Distribution of Income and Wealth showed that over the period 1956-74 prices rose for the poorest 5 per cent by 26 percentage points more than for all families and by 30.9 percentage points more than for the richest 5 per cent.

The reason for this differential impact of inflation is that the weights given to different goods and services in the retail price index do not reflect accurately the expenditure patterns of poorer people. For them a far greater part of their income is spent on necessities, such as food, housing and heating, than appears in the calculations.

To take out of the calculations one of the basic necessities will ensure that the index becomes an even *less* accurate *gauge of* changes in the poor's cost of living. To do so when housing *costs are rising faster* than the average rise in prices, as is happening now, will minimize even more the impact of inflation on the budgets of the poor.

The Government's new index for adjusting supplementary benefits will not increase the numbers of the poor (indeed, as it is reducing the minimum income level it may in a technical sense decrease the numbers living at or below the official poverty line) but it will mean real cuts in their standards of living. Today, all the needs of a poor child have to be covered *on an income of a little* over £1 a day. For the five million or more people on a poverty line *income it is difficult* to overestimate the importance of a cut in their benefit which the Government has just announced.

While it was announcing this cut the Government was busy finding the revenue to finance again the tax cuts to surtax payers given in the 1979 Budget. From this measure alone the richest 7 per cent have so far gained £4.8bn. In these circumstances the Government's claims *that the money is not available to* protect the income of the poorest of our community sounds just a *little hollow.*

Yours faithfully,
FRANK FIELD,
House of Commons.

Italian mail delays

From Mr John Roe

Sir, It is a matter of pride allied to money (Letters, March 18, 20, 25). Italians accept that there are fast and slow ways of doing things in their country; but the better ways cost more. Travellers on business or in a hurry take the Trans-Europe Express or its equivalent, never the ordinary fast trains, *which may not* arrive.

Similarly with the postal service. An express letter is a sop to the dignity of the post office. You show by your willingness to pay that you take them seriously, and for the price of an excellent service you get a good one, the effect being inflationary.

Our own post office seems party to the deception. To send *an express letter from here now* costs at least £1.50 but, if this is any consolation, it will almost certainly reach its destination anywhere in Italy within a few days.

Yours sincerely,
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March 25.

Citizenship obstacle

From Mr David de Gale

Sir, In castigating the Home Office for raising the fee for naturalizaton to £200 per family member — incidentally *with* a small discount for joint husband-/wife applications and moderate package terms *for minors: one* must be fair about these things — Mrs Dummett (22 March) pointed *out that the Home* Office is as a consequence arbitrarily denying citizenship, *confirmation* of citizenship *or re-establishment* of citizenships unilaterally abrogated by HMG, for those who have *had their applications* pending for upwards of two years and who now find themselves unemployed or on *low pay. This must* surely be so.

Having just inserted the statutory public *notice* required of an applicant (in a "cheap" local paper), may I add that the bill for this extra item of *bureaucratic* nonsense was £76.20 — which represents, when added to the fee, more than a *grateful government* paid to us in toto for two years conscript service (as National Service *privates*) at a time when our citizenship was not doubted.

Nor is it true, in fact, to say that those who "have lived here, legally settled and continuously, since before 1973" have a right to registration on payment of the lower £70 fee. Like many others who *have been here since* before the war and who were still United Kingdom citizens in 1973, I have no *such right. Indeed, I now find* that if I were rash enough to pay the charming island of Grenada a *visit, to express my gratitude to it* for harbouring a stranger's name on their citizenship files until it can rejoin my *body in the United* Kingdom (in two years' time), I risk losing my chance of naturalization here.

What lunatics bring these things about? Do we actually pay them? Any party, new or old, that has had no recent share in government must by now have a natural following. I'm all for trying the Boy Scouts; at a bob-a-job they'd be good value.

Yours, etc.,
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March 29.

Protecting freedom of the media

From the General Secretary, Institute of Journalists

Sir, Mr Harry Conroy, president of the National Union of Journalists, told his union's annual delegate meeting that journalists must protect the freedon of their media (report March 31). He cited threats to that freedom ranging from the Government to bingo, but his members would do well to look nearer home.

Virtually while Mr Conroy was speaking, the union's deputy general secretary, Mr Jacob Ecclestone, was refusing admission to Mr. Arthur Osman, your Midlands staff correspondent — not because of allegations of biased or inaccurate reporting but for no better reason than that he is not a member of the NUJ. Yet what howls of protest would issue from the union if, say, the Confederation of British Industry permitted coverage of *its* affairs only by journalists who have declared their support for capitalism!

The ban on Mr Osman is an *aspect of* the union's campaign for a closed shop in journalism. We used to be given assurances *that its sole* purpose was to increase the union's industrial strength. We have since been told *by Mr* Ecclestone (Letter, September 25, 1981) that it is also intended to give the union power to punish "unprofessional" conduct.

Given the present complexion of the NUJ's leadership, no one should doubt that the closed shop would be used to silence opposition in the media to views endorsed by the union.

Yours faithfully,
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March 31.

The age of the cable

From Mr David Fisher

Sir, Your leading article on the age of the cable (March 23) made nearly all the points I was about to raise in this letter, wisely advocating a minimum of regulation in the establishment of new telecommunications services. In *one important respect*, however, your comment was too limited: *by concentrating , like the* struthious Home Office, on the quality of programme content, the true *significance and value of* cable was understated.

It would be unfortunate if the benefits of two-way cable for use in both the home and the so-called *tertiary* sector of industry were limited by concern that pornography or commercialism on entertainment channels should be kept in check. The logic must surely be that the provision of the facility should be separated from the uses, whatever they may be. As so much of our economic and cultural life is amenable to translation into *electronic terms, the capacity to* provide services should not be restricted to companies who own *cable* installations; an analogy with access to printing for all who can pay the bills is appropriate.

It follows, therefore, that the number of channels available on the cable should be large. To fix the number as low as 30 — as appears to be the intention — is a decision which will be regretted well before the end of the century. Better to have 90 spare channels now than a shortage of 70 channels a decade hence.

As for the entertainment channels themselves, it is, of course, entirely right to relate the degree of necessary control inversely to the scarcity of *channels. As you stated*, new circumstances require new policy. While some form of licensing seems unavoidable, could this not be on an "open" basis in which anything will be acceptable but only its availability will be controlled according to its nature? Thus, a channel devoted to "adult" entertainment would have to be provided as pay TV only, via a scrambler, and attract a high rate of VAT or excise duty. Indeed, the *obvious* attractions for the Exchequer of this notion leave one surprised that a heavy "*sin tax*" *has not already* been applied to those pornographic magazines, films and *videograms* which are within the law.

As a general principle, however, it seems illogical and unjust to demand maintenance of tight regulation — based on concepts formed when only one television channel was in existence — now that there are to be more television channels than morning newspapers.

Yours faithfully,
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March 23.

The Stubbs appeal

From Mr L. P. Bamford

Sir, The Fitzwilliam and its proposed purchase of a Stubbs have produced a chain of correspondence which I have been *reading with interest and envy.*

It so happens, you see, that we in the far north have been *attempting to publicise the fact* that we are trying to raise £100,000 to enable the Bowes Museum, in Barnard Castle, to purchase two magnificent Canalettos which it already has on loan from a north country family. The £100,000 is the balance of a total of £385,000, the fiscally agreed figure, not so far secured. The "at auction" price could well be in seven figures and the pair would almost certainly leave the country, if put to auction.

I see our prospect as possibly *bolder and sounder than that of* the Fitzwilliam. There are Stubbs aplenty in the south — how long *ago is it since we acquired one* for the Tate? The Canalettos would be the only ones on open public display in the north and would be seen by upwards of 120,000 people every year.

But we are out of sight, well north of Potters Bar, and apparently and regretfully well out of mind, because so far the efforts to attract publicity and national support have gone unremarked.

Yours faithfully,
L. P. BAMFORD,
Chairman, Friends of the Bowes Museum,
Canaletto Appeal Committee,
The Old House,
Hurworth-on-Tees, Darlington.

Control of the police

From Mr Adrian Tibbitts

Sir, Mr James Lemkin's pronouncement (March 26) that "the time has come for the Home Office to reaffirm that throughout England and Wales the Home Secretary is the ultimate political power in respect of the police" is somewhat simplistic.

If the effect of the Police Act 1964 is to give the Home Secretary this power (and academic lawyers are far from united on the precise position) *this certainly was not the* intention of the Royal Commission on the Police (1962) *which reported (para. 149):* "Our conclusion is that the police forces of this country should not be brought under the direct control of the central Government."

All that can be said with certainty is that control of the police is a typical "grey area", of the kind so convenient to the *Establishment mentality*, and such a hindrance to our elected representatives when they are *attempting to* carry out their duties on behalf of their electorate.

Mr Lemkin calls for a partnership between police and public. As a solicitor, Mr Lemkin will know that only a fool would enter into a partnership with someone he cannot call to account.

Yours faithfully,
ADRIAN TIBBITTS,
2 Harcourt Buildings,
Temple, E.C.4.
March 27.

Man to reckon with

From Sir John Paul

Sir, Were Sir Andrew Gilchrist (March 29) to ask the same question of the Home Office official at present responsible, inter alia for the Isle of Man I have little doubt that that official would still assert, albeit less dramatically, that the island gives him more trouble than the various other matters with which he is charged.

My term of office as Lieutenant-Governor of the Isle of Man *(1974-80) prompts me to suggest* that this state of affairs stems largely from the Manx *Government's* overriding concern, shared by all Manxmen, to try to maintain the island's special identity together with its large measure of independence and to try to preserve a closely integrated, stable and reasonably prosperous community unaffected by the machinations of adversary politics and the more injurious trade union practices.

In seeking to pursue these aims the island is fortunate in that it is served, for the most part, by *men* of marked ability imbued with a high sense of purpose and integrity: and may I add, Sir, that there are also Manxmen who serve the United Kingdom in a number of important roles including, incidentally, the present Permanent Under-Secretary of State at the Home Office.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN PAUL,
Sherrens Mead,
Sherfield on Loddon, Hampshire.

Mental health

From Dr Josephine Bruegel

Sir, Mr Malcolm Hurwitt (March 24) would be very welcome to witness the anguish of the Primary Health Care Team, together with the family or friends of the affilicted mental patient when there is no other way but to admit the patient into a psychiatric unit.

Very often psychotic patients decide to give up their medication, however hard we try *to pursuade them against it*. The patient loses his job or does not attend the day centre; he neglects *himself in all directions, often* becomes restless, aggressive or even violent. At this stage we *have to call the psychiatrist with* a request for admission. In our catchment area we are fortunate to have an excellent crisis intervention team, who deal with the situation speedily, trying hard to avoid *certification.*

The care of mentally sick persons is the most burdensome and painful task in my life as a general practitioner. I shudder to think that my patients who have to be certified for a short time could not be treated speedily in specialist psychiatric units because of the introduction of clause 38 (iii).

Yours faithfully,
JOSEPHINE BRUEGEL,
Temple Fortune Health Centre,
23 Temple Fortune Lane, NW11.
March 25.

A goodly usage

From Mrs R. B Tullo

Sir, I am intrigued to know how Miss Pamela Braley-Smith (March 31) avoids newsprint marking the clothes she packs with old copies of *The Times*? My hands are covered in ink merely by reading the paper.

Yours faithfully,
CAROL TULLO,
25 Crescent Road,
Wood Green, N22.



COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

WINDSOR CASTLE
April 2: The Prime Minister and Mr Denis Thatcher, His Excellency the Belgian Ambassador and Madame Vaes, the Earl and Countess Waldegrave, the Bishop of Rochester and Mrs Say, Sir Andrew and Lady Huxley, Sir Philip and Lady Dowson and Professor Carel Weight have left the Castle.

The Queen, accompanied by The Duke of Edinburgh, this afternoon opened the new Berkshire Shire Hall.

Having been received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the Royal County of Berkshire (Colonel the Hon Gordon Palmer), Her Majesty unveiled a commemorative plaque and, with His Royal Highness, toured the Shire Hall, escorted by the Chairman of the Berkshire County Council (Mr Lewis D. Moss).

The Duchess of Grafton, Mr Robert Fellowes and Squadron Leader Adam Wise were in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh was present this evening at a Banquet given by the Mayor of the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead (Councillor Arthur Jacob) at the Oakley Court Hotel, Windsor.

Major the Hon Andrew Wigram was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
April 2: The Prince and Princess of Wales visited Merseyside today.

Their Royal Highnesses, attended by Mr Francis Cornish and Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith, travelled in the Royal Train.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, this evening attended a dinner given by the United States Navy League for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution at the Royal Naval College, Greenwich.

Her Royal Highness was received upon arrival by the Admiral President of the Royal Naval College (Rear Admiral J. H. Carlill), the Commander (Commander M. Johnson, RN) and the President of the UK Council of the United States Navy League (Mr A. J. Boulof).

CLARENCE HOUSE
April 2: Lieutenant-Colonel Nicholas Hepworth today had the honour of being received by Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Colonel-in-Chief, The King's Regiment, upon assuming his appointment as Commanding Officer of the 1st Battalion of the Regiment.

KENSINGTON PALACE
April 2: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon was present this evening at a Gala Performance held by the Scottish Ballet Company at the Theatre Royal, Glasgow, in aid of the Dockland settlements, of which Her Highness is President.

Her Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by The Hon Mrs Wills.

KENSINGTON PALACE
April 2: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester was present today at the Closing Ceremony and Luncheon of the 35th Congress of the International Homoeopathic Medical League at the University of Sussex, Brighton, today.

Miss Jane Egerton-Warburton was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
April 2: The Duke of Kent, Vice-Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, today visited Berol Limited and Foster Refrigerator (UK) Limited at King's Lynn and, as an Honorary Member, was entertained at luncheon by the Rotary Club of King's Lynn Priory at The Hotel Mildenhall.

Lieutenant Commander Richard Buckley, RN, was in attendance.

Church news

The Rev J. D. Fowler, curate-in-charge of Ashbrittle with Bathealton, Stawley and Kittisford, diocese of Bath and Wells, to be Team Vicar of those parishes in the Wellington team ministry, same diocese.

The Rev G. T. Gray, Vicar of St Nicholas and St Mary, Strood, diocese of Rochester, to be also Honorary Canon of Rochester Cathedral.

Preb E. J. Green, Vicar of Holy Trinity, Burrington, St John the Baptist, Churchill, St Mary the Virgin, Langford, All Saints, Sanford and Prebendary of Wells, diocese of Bath and Wells, to be Vicar of All Saints, Ryde, Isle of Wight, diocese of Portsmouth.

The Rev S. J. Hadley, assistant curate of St Mark, Mansfield, diocese of Southwell, to be Vicar of Cowbit, Lincolnshire, diocese of Lincoln.

The Rev T J Raphael, Vicar of St John's Wood, diocese of London to be Area Dean of St Marylebone.

The Rev D W Scholer, curate-in-charge of Bleadon, diocese of Bath and Wells to be Rector of the parish.

The Rev K A Short, SE Secretary of BCMS and honorary curate of Christ Church, Sidcup, diocese of Rochester to be Vicar of St Mark, Tollington Park with St Anne, diocese of London.

The Rev J R W Siller, Vicar of Gilling with Kirkby Ravensworth and priest-in-charge of Melsonby, diocese of Ripon to be Rector of Farnley, same diocese.

The Rev O Swan, Vicar of St Luke, Richmond, diocese of Southwark to be priest-in-charge of St Hilda with St Columba, Darlington diocese of Durham.

The Rev T A Thomas, Vicar of Rulshion with Thornfalcon, diocese of Bath and Wells to be curate-in-charge of Hutton, Avon, same diocese.

The Rev H Whyte, Vicar of St James with Christ Church, Bermondsey, diocese of Southwark to be Vicar of St Paul, Kingston Hill, same diocese.

The Rev G S Tyers, Vicar of Christ Church, Erith and Rural Dean of Erith, diocese of Rochester, to be Honorary Canon of Rochester Cathedral.

The Rev C Wagstaff, Vicar of Coleford, diocese of Gloucester, to be Archdeacon of Gloucester.

The Rev D M Woodhouse, Vicar of St Michael and All Angels, Colwich and Priest-in-Charge of St Stephen, Great Haywood, diocese of Lichfield, to be Rector of St James's, Clitheroe, diocese of Blackburn.

The Rev D H Wright, at present holding the bishop's permission to officiate in the diocese of Manchester to be honorary assistant curate of St Philip, Bolton, same diocese.

Retirements and resignations

The Rev E A Barton, Vicar of Christ Church, Nailsea, diocese of Bath and Wells, to resign.

The Rev E R Gaskill, Vicar of Christ Church, Doncaster, diocese Sheffield, to resign on June 1.

The Rev V C Hatherley, Rector of East with West Harptree, diocese Bath and Wells, to retire.

The Rev G T Jones, Vicar of Mickley and Vicar of Grewelthorpe and Priest-in-charge of North Stainley, diocese Ripon, to retire at the end of April.

The Rev G H Ridler, Rural Dean of Bruton, diocese Bath and Wells, to resign.

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ART GALLERIES

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LEINSTER FINE ART, 9 Hereford Rd, London W2 01-229 9985. German Expressionists. Selected Drawings Watercolours. Graphics. Tues-Fri 10-6 Sats 11-5

ROBERT DOUWMA 93 Gt. Russell St WC1 636 4895. Goya Etchings from the first editions of 'Los Proverbios' and 'Los Desastres de la Guerra Mon-Fri 9.30-6 Sats 10-1

ROYAL ACADEMY Piccadilly W1. Until 4 Apr HAROLD GILMAN (Arts Council Exhib) Daily 10-6. Adm £1.20, Concessionary rate 80p & until 1.45 pm Suns.

TATE GALLERY, Millbank, SW1. LANDSEER Until 12 April. Adm. £1 (Open Thurs. until 7.50). TURNER AND THE SEA. Adm. free. Wkdys. 10-5.50 Suns 2-5.50. Recorded Information 01-821 7128. Closed Good Fri.

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Weekend Shoparound	£14.00 per cm full display (min 5 cms)

Modern man and the hope of Holy Week

In parallel with the general tendency to invest Christmas with greater and Easter with smaller significance, many Christian writers are finding it increasingly difficult to give a convincing explanation of why the events of Holy Week have any interest or value for modern man. In as much as the events are regarded as historical, it has become popular to see their significance only in terms of any response which they might provoke. Such response tends to be diminished by the passage of time, which makes recent events more meaningful than those of the distant past, by biblical criticism, which may lead readers of the Bible to doubt whether what they read there ever actually happened and by psychological factors which tend to see a painful death as a rather unpromising starting point for a religion.

One can indeed see that theology based exclusively on Jesus's death on the Cross tends to depict the world as fundamentally opposed to God, and that it thinks of salvation as a process of escaping from the world. This has had fairly disastrous consequences for the interest which certain Christians have taken in the cares and events of this world.

As a corrective to this, others have developed a quite different form of theology with a special emphasis on the incarnation. This has a number of considerations central to it. God created the whole world, and it was very good. God created man in his image. By the incarnation itself, it was revealed that manhood could be taken up into Godhead. Incarnational theology, therefore, tends to be world-affirming, and confident of the place which human beings have in the purposes of God. Man is already in the image of God. He is part way towards the creation of the Kingdom of God. He may need further instruction in the ways of God. Those who take this line, however, go too far when they find it difficult to see a single event like the crucifixion being able to make any radical alteration to the human condition.

This process of squeezing out the Cross should be resisted for two reasons. The first is that the crucifixion and resurrection are two things which happened to Jesus of which we can be most confident. For first-century Jews a criminal's death was so shameful an experience that the evangelists would hardly have described Jesus suffering such a death if they had been inventing a story. Similarly, a full-scale resurrection of the body was such a startling and radical doctrine that it probably would not have occurred to the gospel writers, other than as a result of reliable testimony.

The second reason is that the more one emphasizes man's original goodness, and possession of God's image, the more a scandal it is that he should have fallen so far from that state of goodness. If one is inclined to sit rather lightly with regard to the doctrine of original sin the scandal becomes even more enormous, because it emphasizes that sin is deliberate. Sin causes the human race to face a dreadful problem. It would be unrealistic to imagine that man could ever be able to grow out of sin, relegating sin to the past. It would be altogether opposed to every principle of justice to suppose that God would ever pretend that sin did not matter and could be overlooked. That would be like imagining that man could remain sinful, and at the same time have the sort of relationship with God to which sin is a barrier.

The crucifixion provides an element of hope for man in this difficult predicament. Mildly disinterested acts of benevolence by man would avail very little against sin. Man needs to offer to God something very big. Something overwhelming. For a sinless person to offer, or sacrifice himself to God would be such an act, and this is the offering which Holy Week commemorates.

Theologians have given a variety of explanations as to how the merits, or benefits, of this act may be shared with other members of the human race. However, there has been a strong feeling over the centuries that this single sacrifice, the benefits of which can be shared, is worth more than any good actions of which individuals may be capable. Taking the cross seriously certainly does not mean underplaying other ideas to be found in the Gospels.

Quite the contrary. Recognition of the difference between the actual state of the world, and the perfection which is associated with God's creation needs some dramatic event to redress the balance. The early Christians were right to have given the title Holy Week to the week when Jesus surrendered himself on the Cross, and when God indicated his sacrifice by the event of the resurrection.

Paul Arnold
Ordinand,
Ripon College,
Cuddesdon.

Dr Richard von Weizsacker, the Governing Mayor of Berlin unveiling a painting of the Berlin Airlift at the RAF Club, Piccadilly. The picture, the first of a series for the club featuring postwar activities, is by Michael Turner and shows a row of York transport planes at Gatow airfield during the crisis in 1948 and 1949.

Royal Naval Reserve promotions

The following officers of the Royal Navy Reserve and the Women's Royal Naval Reserve have been selected for promotion from September 30:

SEAMAN: Commander to Captain: R E Abbott, M B F Frame; Lt-Commander to Commander: G R Lines, R H Edwardes-Evans, G Johnston, D A Carr, N R Messinger, D J Gammans.

ENGINEERING: Commander to Captain: B McCarthy; Lt-Commander: A H Stephenson, G C Rae.

SUPPLY: Commander to Captain: N Lloyd-Edwards; Lt-Commander to Commander: C P Powlett.

INSTRUCTOR: Lt-Commander to Commander: J McC Wright.

NCS: Commander to Captain: R G Purchase; Lt-Commander to Commander: J I D Smith, G G Dunbar, D E Inglesent, M H Porter, A D Kirby.

HQ BRANCH: Lt-Commander to Commander: D Stoyles, E G O Reubens.

MEDICAL: Surgeon Commander to Surgeon Captain: J Shaw; Surgeon Lt-Commander to Surgeon Commander: A M Roberts, R A G Brown, T A Waterworth, R B K Broughton.

WOMEN'S ROYAL NAVAL RESERVE: First Officer to Chief Officer: P Shaw, M S Nicholas, P A N Vokes; Second Officer to First Officer: C B Spratt, A T Kettles, W J Ellison.

Winston Churchill Memorial Trust

The Australian High Commissioner attended a ceremony held by the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust at Kensington Town Hall yesterday and presented medallions to Churchill fellows of 1980 and 1981. Among those present were:

Representatives of Commonwealth High Commissions and United States Embassy; the Mayor and Mayoress of Kensington and Chelsea; Viscount De L'Isle, VC, Chairman of the trustees of the trust, and Viscountess De L'Isle, Lady Soames, Mr and Mrs Anthony Montague Browne and other members of the trust.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:
Miss Winifred Stone to be director of the Church of England Children's Society in succession to Mr Donald Bowie who died in January.

Mr T. C. Gepp to be under Sheriff of Essex.

Luncheons

HM Government
Baroness Young, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, was host at a luncheon held at Lancaster House yesterday in honour of French civil servants who have completed a Civil Service College course under exchange training arrangements between the British and French governments.

HM Government
Sir Michael Palliser, Permanent Under-Secretary of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, was host at a luncheon at Admiralty House yesterday, given in honour of Dr Richard von Weizsäcker, Governing Mayor of Berlin.

HM Government
Lord Trefgarne, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host at a luncheon at 1 Carlton Gardens yesterday, given in honour of Herr Kurt Nier, Deputy Foreign Minister of the German Democratic Republic.

200 Club
The 200 Club, on behalf of the London Irish Rugby Football Club, held a luncheon at the Banqueting and Conference Centre, Shoe Lane, yesterday to present the London Irish Challenge Trophy for Rugby Writers, The Leprechaun, to Mr Stuart Alexander. Mr David Jackson, a vice-chaiman of the football club, presided and Mr Rupert Cherry also spoke.

Dinners

Mayor of Windsor and Maidenhead
The Duke of Edinburgh was a guest and speaker at the Mayor of Windsor and Maidenhead's dinner held at the Oakley Court Hotel, near Windsor, last night. The other speakers were the Mayor, the Mayor-elect and Mr L. C. Reynolds. Other guests included:

The Lord Lieutenant of Berkshire and the Hon Mrs Palmer, the High Sheriff of Berkshire and Lady Hill-Wood, the Dean of Windsor and Mrs Mann, the Constable and Governor of Windsor Castle and Lady Grandy, Dr Alan Glyn, MP, the Chairman of Berkshire County Council and Mrs Moss and the Honorary Recorder of Windsor and Mrs Blennerhassett.

Old Grovian Association
The annual dinner of the Lancashire and Cheshire branch of the Old Grovian Association was held at the Mitre Hotel, Manchester, last night. Mr J. S. Brodwell, vice-president, presided and the other speakers were Mr J. S. Garnett, chairman, and Mr D. A. Miller, headmaster of Woodhouse Grove School.

Service dinners

Exeter Flotilla
The annual dinner of Exeter Flotilla, an association of reserve and retired officers of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines, was held at the Officers' Mess, Commando Training Centre, Royal Marines, Lympstone, yesterday. Lieutenant-Commander Arthur Tenniswood, RNR, chairman, presided and the other speakers were Admiral Sir James Eberle, Commander-in-Chief, Naval Home Command, and Lieutenant-Commander Adrian Martin, secretary.

The Royal Regiment of Wales (24th/41st Foot)
The annual dinner of The Royal Regiment of Wales's Dining Club was held at Wadham College, Oxford, last night. Major-General L A D Harrod, Colonel of the Regiment, presided. The guests were: Lieutenant-General Sir Steuart Pringle, Admiral Sir Henry Leach, Major-General P A Downward, Captain B N Wilson RN, and Commander N Lloyd Edwards, RNR.

71st (Yeomanry) Signal Regiment
The inaugural meeting of the 71st (Yeomanry) Signal Regiment Officers' Dining Club was held at the Cavalry and Guards Club yesterday. Major-General M. Sawyers presided. Major-General T.A. Richardson, Brigadier P.A. Dally, Colonel P. Sutcliffe, Colonel G.D. Thompson, Colonel J.M. Craig and Lieutenant-Colonel D.S. Casstles were among those present.

RAF Staff College Bracknell
The Commandant, Air Vice-Marshal D. Parry-Evans, and officers of the RAF Staff College Bracknell held a guest night last night to mark the 60th anniversary of the college. Group Captain J.R. Hardwick presided. The Guests included Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Beetham, Chief of the Air Staff.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr C. B. G. Ash and Miss C. L. Sanders
The engagement is announced between Christopher, elder son of Mr John Garton Ash, MC, and Mrs Garton Ash, of 14 Highdown Road, London, SW15, and Carolyn, daughter of Mr and Mrs G. F. Sanders, of 41 Stowell Crescent, Wareham, Dorset (late of Wimbledon).

Mr R. J. A. Anthony and Miss J. Wilson
The engagement is announced between Robin, youngest son of Mr and Mrs K. Anthony of Angmering, West Sussex, and Judith, second daughter of Mr and Mrs C. Wilson, of Didcot, Oxfordshire.

Mr T. Brooks and Miss C. Baliol Scott
The engagement is announced between Tony, only son of Mr and Mrs Richard Brooks, of Taunton, Somerset, and Clare, only daughter of Mr Ursel Baliol Scott, of Aldeburgh, Suffolk, and of the late Mrs Dorothy Baliol Scott.

Mr D. J. Owen and Miss D. F. Poston
The engagement is announced between David John, only son of the late Mr T. R. Owen and of Mrs G. M. Owen, of Harrow, Middlesex, and Diana Frances, only daughter of Mr and Mrs G. C. Poston, of Lavenham, Suffolk, and Mandeville, Jamaica.

Birthdays



Mr Wedgwood Benn, MP, who is 57 today.

TODAY: Mr Marlon Brando, 58; Mr Hugh Burden, 69; Canon A. D. Caesar, 58; Mr Dennis Farr, 53; Mr S. K. H. Goodenough, 52; the Duke of Grafton, 63; Vice-Admiral Sir Alan McNicoll 74; His Honour J. C. Maude, QC, 81; Mr Justice Nourse, 50; Mr James Phemister, 89; Sir John Ricks, 72; General Sir Ouvry Roberts, 84; Sir Godfrey Style, 67; Mr F. H. Tate, 69; Lieutenant-Colonel Sir John Thomson, 74; Sir John Walley, 76.

TOMORROW: Mr P. J. Attenborough, 44; the Duke of Beaufort, 82; Sir John Beith, 68; the Right Rev D. S. Cross, 54; Sir Francis Evans, 85; Brigadier Anne Field, 56; Mr Trevor Griffiths, 47; Lord Inchiquin, 82; Earl Jellicoe, 64; Viscount Leathers, 74; the Marques de Santa Cruz, 80.

Marriages

Mr N. Garthwaite and Miss C. C. Willbourne
The marriage took place at Chelsea Register Office yesterday between Mr Nicholas Garthwaite, son of the Hon Mrs Anthony Garthwaite, of 98 Bickenhall Mansions, W1, and of the late Mr Anthony Garthwaite, and Miss Caroline Willbourne, daughter of Mr and Mrs Thomas Willbourne, of 9 Abbey Place, Thorney, Peterborough.
The honeymoon will be spent in Spain.

Mr M. J. Harty and Miss E. I. M. Goodall
The marriage took place yesterday at Hammersmith Register Office between Mr Martin Harty and Miss Eily Goodall.

Mr C. W. McMahon and Mrs B. A. Braimbridge
The marriage took place on April 2 between Mr Christopher McMahon and Mrs Alison Braimbridge.

Mr C. S. B. Williams and Miss F. M. Pancheri
The marriage took place in London on March 30 between Mr Sean Williams and Miss Fiona Pancheri.

Latest wills

Latest estates include (net before tax paid): Bowyer, Mr William Basil, of Layer Marney, Essex £310,975
Craiggy, Mr Alexander Wilson, of East Preston, Sussex £233,187
Edwards, Dr Harpur Vernon, of Felixstowe, Suffolk £227,326
Holt, Mrs Margaret, of Bramhall, Cheshire £742,355

OBITUARY

MR CHARLES MICHIE

Long colonial service in Nigeria

Sir Bryan Sharwood-Smith writes:-

Charles Michie, C.M.G., O.B.E., who died on March 20, at the age of 74, was in the Colonial Administrative Service for 30 years from 1930, and served in a number of Nigeria's Northern Provinces, and in the Secretariats of Lagos and Kaduna. His death leaves a sad gap in the roll of old friends of Nigeria.

Whereever he was posted he applied meticulous standards of observation and action in keeping with his Scottish background and education. His colleagues, African or European, could always be sure that discussion with him would be lightened by wise understanding, whether the problems concerned a vast Muhammedan Emirate like Sokoto, or obscure tribal complications in the Yoruba borders of Ilorin.

In his last years of service he was an obvious choice for inclusion in the Permanent Secretaries serving the Northern Regional Ministries, in his case Agriculture.

At the time of Italy's into the Second World War Michie was seconded to serve as British consul in the Spanish island of Fernando Po, less than 100 miles from the Nigerian coast. His spell there was noted for the removal of two Italian merchantmen, in hiding in Santa Isabel, to the safe custody of the Royal Navy by a mixed commando force drawn from the Nigerian Marine and the Local Defence Volunteers from Lagos — a "Dad's Army" exploit if ever there was one.

After his retirement in 1960 Michie served as secretary to the Scottish Universities Selection Board at St. Andrew's. He also occupied himself with local government affairs in Fife, where he made his home.

His widow Janet was his companion during most of his service overseas, and during the war years was on the staff of Kaduna College. Many of her pupils are now prominent in public life in Nigeria, including no less than the President, Alhaji Shehu Shagari.

MR THOMAS CADETT

Mr Thomas Cadett, CBE, who was the chief correspondent of *The Times* in Paris in the years shortly before the outbreak of the Second World War, died on March 31 at the age of 83. From 1945 to 1963 he was chief correspondent for the BBC in the French capital. Intelligent and articulate he was as successful in interpreting French politics and French life to listeners to the corporation's news and current affairs programmes as he had been to readers of *The Times*.

Thomas Tucker-Edwardes Cadett was born in London on June 7, 1898, the son of Herbert Cadett and educated at News College, Worthing and at Cranleigh. He joined a Territorial Battalion of The Middlesex Regiment in September, 1914 and from August 1915 to April, 1916 was at the Royal Military College, Sandhurst. Later, he was gazetted to The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders and served in France and Belgium being twice wounded.

He joined the editorial staff of *The Times* in 1924 as a reporter on special supplements and subsequently worked in several different departments. At one time he was assistant to the Foreign News Editor. In the mid-1920s he was awarded the Walter Hines Page Newspaper Fellowship which gave him the chance to travel for a year in the United States. On several occasions *The Times* sent him overseas as a special correspondent and in 1931 he covered the Spanish Revolution. In July, 1937 he was appointed chief correspondent in Paris, having already been in the capital for some years and second correspondent since 1936. It fell to him to report the German invasion of France in 1940 and he remained at his post until the German forces arrived in Paris.

In the early autumn of 1940 he took up "war service" which in his case led to his working for the Special Operations Executive, France. He remained in F section until 1942.

He left *The Times* in 1944 and joined the BBC becoming the corporation's chief correspondent. He held this appointment until he retired in 1963. He and his wife, Hellis, remained in Paris for some years. He lived at Alcester, Warwickshire up to the time of his death. He was made OBE in 1956 and advanced to CBE in 1962.

GEN NATHAN F. TWINING

General Nathan F. Twining, who was chairman of the American Joint Chiefs of Staff from 1957 to 1960, died on March 29 in San Antonio, Texas. He was 84. In August 1945 Twining had been commander of the US 20th Air Force whose B-29 Superfortress bombers delivered the nuclear attacks against Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Twining began his military career as a private in the National Guard in Oregon in 1916. By 1943 he had risen to become commander of the US 13th Air Force in the South Pacific. Later he commanded the 20th Air Force in the Mariana Islands from where the air offensive against the Japanese mainland was intensified in the latter months of the war.

After the war he became Chief of Staff of the US Air Force and was later chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, in which positions he played an important role in the deployment of airborne nuclear weapons and the provision of suitable aircraft to deliver them. He also played a significant role in forming United States policy on Indo-China.

MR LEONARD CHILDS

Mr Leonard Childs CBE, who died in Chatteris on March 31, the day before his 85th birthday, was chairman of the Great Ouse River Authority from 1949 to 1974 and for 24 years of the Middle Level Commissioners.

He was one of the greatest authorities on drainage matters in the country and for his knowledge in this field and for his public service in the Isle of Ely was held in high regard. He came of an old Fen farming family.

He had been chairman of the county council, High Sheriff of Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire and Deputy Lieutenant for the former county. He was a former chairman of the Isle of Ely branch of the National Farmers' Union.

The son of Robert Childs, he was born on April 1, 1897 and educated at Wellingborough. He served in the First World War in the Artists' Rifles and the Royal Flying Corps.

Lady Moyra Loyd, widow of General Sir Charles Loyd, GCVO, KCB, DSO, MC, died on April 1 at the age of 85. She was the youngest daughter of the first Earl of Midleton, and she was married in 1922.

Mr Leo Bertorelli, the youngest son of Guiseppe and Maria Bertorelli, co-founders of the well-known Bertoreli Restaurants, died in a road accident on March 25. He was 54. He joined the family business in 1953.

Services tomorrow: Sunday next before Easter, Palm Sunday

ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: M (said), 7.30. HC, 8, with Blessing and Distribution of Palms (Holmes) Responses. HC, 10.30, with Blessing and Distribution of Palms (Kodaly) Missa Brevis, Int. Hosanna to the Son of David (Weelkes). The Passion according to St. Matthew (soriano), Canon Bradshaw: E, 3.15, Mag and Nunc Dimittis (Walmisley in D minor). A. Glory and honour and Laud (Wood). The Dean. 6.30. Maurice Duruflé, a Performance by the Holst Singers.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: HC, 8; 10.30, Blessing of Palms, Procession and Sung Eucharist. Hosanna to the Son of David (Weelkes). Tantum ergo (Duruflé). Passion according to St. Matthew (Vittoria). Walton Missa Brevis. No sermon. E and S 3, Wood in D Glory and honour (Wood). Canon Charles: Organ Recital, 6.05; E, 6.30. Canon Charles.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: HC, 9; Cathedral Eucharist, 11, Procession and Distribution of Palms. Missa Aeterna Christi Munera (Palestrina). A. Hosanna to the Son of David (Weelkes). Jesu the very thought of Thee (Bairstow). Rev. Professor C. F. D. Moule: Cathedral E, 3.30, Stanford in G. A. Hosanna to the Son of David (Gibbons). Canon Penwarden.

THE CHAPEL ROYAL, St. James's Palace: HC, 8.30; Sung Eucharist, 11.15; Missa Brevis (Walton). Bishop of London.

THE QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY (public welcomed): Sung Eucharist, 11.15, Ireland in C: Canon Young.

ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL, Greenwich, (public welcomed): HC, 8.30; Parish Communion with Blessing and Distribution of Palms, 11. A. Sanctus and Osanna (Nelson Mass), (Haydn), Rev J. Oliver.

GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks: M, 11, Rev. J. S. Westmuckett. HC, noon.

GRAY'S INN CHAPEL (public welcomed): HC, 8.30.

LINCOLN'S INN CHAPEL (public invited, entry via Lincoln's Inn Gateway): MP and S, 11.30, A. 'Miserere My Maker'. Rev. F. V. A. Boyse.

TOWER OF LONDON (public welcomed): HC, 9.15, M, 11, Jub Farrant, A. Hosanna to the Son of David (Gibbons). The Chaplain.

TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street (public welcomed): HC, 8.30, MP, 11.15. A. Hosanna to the Son of David (Thomas Weelkes). The Master.

CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace (public welcomed): HC, 8.30; Sung E, 11, Darke in E. Motet — Verily, verily, I say unto you: Tallis. E, 3.30. Carolus Andreas Fauxbourdons. A. Hosannah to the Son of David (Gibbons).

ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: Sung Eucharist, 11, Rev. M. Beech. 4 pm, E. & Stations of the Cross.

ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street: LM, 8 and 5.15, HM, 11, Rachmaninov in B flat. Rev. C. J. Somers-Edgar. Solemn E 6, Rachmaninov (Op 37). Rev. J. W. Holden.

ALL SOULS, Langham Place: 11, Rev. M. Lawson. 6.30. Prebendary M. Baughen.

GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street: HC, 8.15; 11, Blessing of Palms, Procession and High Mass, Pueri Hebraeorum (Vittoria). Missa Qual' è il più grand' amor (Palestrina). Improperium (Lassus). Rev. Dr. A. W. Marks.

HOLY TRINITY, Brompton: HC, 8; Family Service, 9.45; HC Sung, 11, Rev. P Whitworth. ES, 6.30; Rev. J. T. C. B. Collins.

HOLY TRINITY WITH ALL SAINTS, Prince Consort Road, SW7: HC, 8.30; Choral M and Eucharist, 11. A. Gloria laus et honor (Ferrabosco). Rev. Dr M. Israel.

HOLY TRINITY, Sloane Street (Sloane Sq Tube): HC 8.30, HC 10.30 Canon Roberts HC 12.10.

ST ALBAN'S, Holborn: SM, 9.30, 10.30 Blessing of Palms, Proc. and HM, Fr Knight. Hosanna (Weelkes). The Passion (Vittoria). Praise to thee, Lord Jesus (Schütz). Missa Passionis Christi (Wills); 5.30 LM.

ST BARTHOLOMEW-THE-GREAT PRIORY (AD 1123): HC, 9; Choral E, 11. Missa Quarta (Palestrina). Passion (Vittoria). A. O Sacrum convivium (Tallis): E, 6.30. Morley (Plainsong FB). A. Vinca mea electa (Poulenc). The Rector.

ST BRIDES, Fleet Street: HC, 8.30; Choral M and Eucharist, 11; Prebendary D. Morgan: Choral E, 6.30; Rev N. Hood.

ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square: HC, 8.30; Sung Eucharist, 11, Tallis (short service). A. Hosanna to the Son of David (Weelkes). The Rector.

ST JAMES, Garlickhill (City): HC, 10.30, Prebendary D. W. C. Mossman.

ST JAMES'S, Piccadilly: HC, 8.30; Sung Eucharist, 11.00. EP 6.

ST MARGARET'S, Westminster: Sung Eucharist, 11, Canon Beeson.

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS: Family Communion, 9.45; MS, 11.15; Bishop Baker, Choral E, 4.15; Festival Eucharist of Palms, 6.30.

ST MARY ABBOTS, Kensington: HC, 8 and 12.30; Sung Eucharist, 9.30, M, 11.15, Rev I. L. Robson; E, 6.30.

ST MARY'S, Bourne Street: LM, 8, 9.45, 7; HM, 10.30, Hosanna (Weelkes): Missa brevis (Gabrieli); Passion acc. to St Matthew (Vittoria); Improperium (Lassus); Christus factus est (Bruckner). 6.15, Stations of the Cross, S. Benediction.

ST MARYLEBONE PARISH CHURCH: HC, 8 and 11; Missa a Jesu Redemptor (Plain chant); Passion according to St. Matthew (Plain chant). 6.30, Rev. C. K. Hamel Cooke.

ST MICHAEL'S, Chester Square: HC, 8 15 Family Service 11, Rev A. G. C. Pearson; E, 6.30, Rev M. D. Hollingworth.

ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, Knightsbridge: HC, 8 and 9; Solemn Eucharist, 11, Missa Secunda (Hassler).

ST PAUL'S, Robert Adam Street: 11 and 6.30: Rev. C. Cassidy.

ST SIMON ZELOTES, Chelsea: HC, 8; MP, 11; EP, 6.30: Prebendary Parker.

ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road: LM, 8, 9; Blessing and Procession of Palms and HM 10.45, Hosanna (Gibbons), Passion Gospel (Lassus); Missa super Le Berger et la Bergere (Lassus); E and B 6, Rev D Priest.

ST VEDAST, Foster Lane: SM, 11, Missa sine nomine (Casciolini) Pueri Hebraeorum (Lassus).

ST COLUMBA'S (Church of Scotland) Pont Street: 11, Rev Dr J Fraser McLuskey; 6.30, The Passion according to St Luke (Heinrich Schütz).

CROWN COURT CHURCH (Church of Scotland) Russel Street, Covent Garden: 11.15 and 6.30, Rev J Miller Scott.

THE ORATORY, S.W.7: Procession & HM 10, Mass Douce memoire (Lassus), Passion Choruses (Lassus), Motets (Palestrina, Handl); LM 7, 8, 9, 12.30, 4.30, 7; Vespers & Benediction 3.30. Civitas sancti tui (Byrd).

CHURCH OF OUR LADY, St John's Wood: SM (Latin), 10.45, Pueri Hebraeorum, Responsories (Vittoria); Stabat Mater (Dary).

THE JESUIT CHURCH, Farm Street: 7.30, 8.30, 10, 11 (Sung Latin Mass), 12, 4.15, 6.15.

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CENTRAL HALL, Westminster: 11 and 6.30, Rev Dr R John Tudor.

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Sunday 4 April 11.00 am	BACH CHOIR [illegible] St Matthew Passion (complete; sung in English) The Bach Choir
Sunday 4 April 7.30 pm	LONDON PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA [illegible]
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Wednesday 7 April 8.00 pm	BBC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA [illegible] BBC
Thursday 8 April 8.00 pm	LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA [illegible]
8.00 p.m. 11 April 3.15 p.m.	[illegible] Sorcerer's Apprentice; Ravel Piano Concerto in G; Faure Requiem. £10, £12, £15, £17.40 (only) LSO Ltd.
Friday 9 April 5.00 p.m.	LONDON CHORAL SOCIETY Haberdashers' Aske's Boys' Choir English Chamber Orchestra N. Cleobury (cond) E Gale L Finnie R Davies R Earle J Garrison W White Bach St Matthew Passion (sung in English). £2.50, £4.75, £5.75, £6.50, £7.50 (only) LCS
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Sunday 11 April 7.30 pm	LONDON PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA Jesus Lopez-Cobos (conductor) Salvatore Accardo (violin) Rossini Ov. The Silken Ladder; Paganini Violin Concerto No. 2; Berlioz Symphonie Fantastique. £2, £3, £4, £5, £6, £7 LPO Ltd
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Thursday 15 April 8.00 pm	LONDON PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA Jesus Lopez-Cobos (conductor) Julian Lloyd Webber (cello) Strauss Don Juan; Rodrigo Concierto como un Divertimento for cello & orch (1st pf); Schubert/Mahler Symphony No 9 (Great C major). £2, £3, £4, £5, £6, £7 LPO Ltd
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Today 3 April 7.45 p.m.	CITY OF LONDON CHOIR London Bach Orchestra Donald Cashmore (cond) Lesley Garrett Catherine Wyn-Rogers Neil Mackie Stephen Roberts Andrew Lucas Bach Cantata No. 21; Szymanowski Stabat Mater; Mozart Coronation Mass, K.317. £2, £3, £3.35, £3.75, £4.50. C of L C
Sunday 4 April 3.00 p.m.	FOU TS'ONG (piano) Beethoven Sonata in E, Op 109; Debussy 6 Etudes, Book II; Satie 6 Gnossiennes; Chopin 4 Mazurkas, Op 24; Berceuse in D flat, Op 57; Fantasia in F minor, Op 49. £1, £1.70, £2.40, £3.20, £4. Basil Douglas Ltd.
Sunday 4 April 7.15 p.m.	THE RUKA ORCHESTRA Homi Kanga (dir/vln) Kenneth Essex (vla) [illegible] Beethoven Ov. Prometheus; Mozart Sinfonia Concertante, K.364; Ravel Intro & Allegro; Mendelssohn Vln Conc. £3, £4, £5, £6, £7. Sidney Wicebloom
Monday 5 April 7.45 p.m.	THE CITY OF LONDON CHAMBER ORCHESTRA Thomas McIntosh (cond), J Ross A Gunson P Taylor G Davenport Anglia Opera Chorus Boyce Symphony No. 1; Symphony No. 4; Pleasure Garden, Vocal Serenade; Purcell Dido and Aeneas. £1, £1.70, £2.40, £3.20, £4. C of LMP Ltd.
Tuesday 6 April 7.45 p.m.	ANDRE-MICHEL SCHUB 1981 Winner Van Cliburn International Piano Competition Bach/Busoni Toccata, Adagio & Fugue; Debussy Images, Bk 1; Mendelssohn Fantasia; Schubert "Wanderer" Fantasia; Liszt 2 Paganini Studies. £1.20, £1.70, £2.20, £2.80, £3.50. Jane Gray
Wednesday 7 April 7.45 p.m.	LONDON MOZART PLAYERS Harry Blech (cond) Nina Milkina (pno) Sir William Walton 80th Birthday Concert Mozart Symphony No. 14; Pno Conc in B flat, K.595; Bach Pno Conc. BWV.1056; Walton Sonata for Strings. £3, £4, £5, £6 (only) Haydn-Mozart Society
Thursday 8 April 7.45 p.m.	GARY KARR (double bass) IAN WALLACE (single bass) Malcolm Sargent Birthday Concert in honour of Dame Eva Turner's 90th Birthday. Mary Nash (accompanist) Harmon Lewis (accompanist) £1.50, £2.50, £4, £5. Malcolm Sargent Cancer Fund for Children
Friday 9 April 7.45 p.m.	NEW MOZART ORCHESTRA Clive Fairbairn (cond) Eileen Broster (piano) Rossini Ov. Il Signor Bruschino; Mozart Pno Conc in C, K.467; Pachelbel Canon; Haydn Symphony No. 101 (Clock). £1.50, £2.25, £3, £3.75, £4.50. New Mozart Orchestra
Saturday 10 April 7.45 pm	MILL HILL CHOIR English Baroque Orchestra Leon Lovett (cond) Fiona Dobie Penelope Walker Adrian Thompson Roderick Earle. Haydn Stabat Mater; Vivaldi Gloria. £2.50, £3.50, £4, £4.50, £5 Mill Hill Choral Society
Sunday 11 April 7.15 pm	IMRAT KHAN (sitar/surbahar) Nishat Khan (sitar) Latif Ahmed Khan (tabla). £2, £3, £4, £5, £6 Mick Taylor
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Tuesday 13 April 7.45 pm	BAROQUE STRINGS ZURICH Silvia Schmid (sop) Guy Touvron (trpt) Handel Concerto Grosso, Op. 6 15; Let the Bright Seraphim (Samson); Beethoven No, non turbati; Bellini Concerto for trpt and strgs; Janacek Suite for strings. £1.50, £3.25, £3.75, £3.50, £4 Helen Anderson Mgt.
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Friday 16 April 7.45 pm	ENGLISH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA S. Barlow (cond) T. Martin M. Bourgue Mendelssohn Ov. The Hebrides; Symphony No. 1; Bottesini Double Bass Conc; Hummel Introduction Theme and Vars, Op. 102; Kalliwoda Concertino for oboe, Op. 110. £2, £3, £4, £5, £6 ECO & Mus Soc Ltd.
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Monday 5 Apr 8.00 pm	POLISH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA Jerzy Maksymiuk (conductor) Yehudi Menuhin (violin) Handel: Concerto Grosso Op 6 No 11 Vivaldi Violin Concerto in G minor "La Pietà" Violin Concerto in C Dvorák Serenade for Strings. £2, £3.50, £5, £6.
Tuesday 6 Apr 8.00 pm	STEPHEN BISHOP-KOVACEVICH Piano Recital Beethoven: Piano Sonata No. 30 Op 109. Piano Sonata No. 31 Op 110. Piano Sonata No. 32 Op 111. £2, £3, £4.50.
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Good Friday 9 Apr 5.00 pm	ENGLISH BAROQUE CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA Leon Lovett (conductor) Soloists: Jennifer Smith (soprano), Margaret Cable (contralto), William Kendall (tenor), Ian Partridge Evangelist, Brian Rayner Cook Christus J. S. Bach: St Matthew Passion (sung in German). £3, £4.50, £6, £7.50.
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Tonight 3 April 7.30 pm	GABRIELI STRING QUARTET Mozart: Quartet in D, K 575 [illegible] Beethoven [illegible]
Tomorrow 4 April 3.30 pm	ROGER BROWN cello HELEN CAWTHORNE [illegible]
Tomorrow 4 April 7.30 pm	Winners of the First Prize of the City of Portsmouth International String Quartet Competition THE HAGEN STRING QUARTET [illegible]
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Tuesday 6 April 7.30 pm	CAGLIANO TRIO [illegible]
Wednesday 7 April 7.30 pm	DAVID MASON piano [illegible]
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WHITEHALL. c.c. S 930 6692. 930 8012/7765. CC 930 6693/4. Group sales 379 6061. JOHN WELLS in "ANYONE FOR DENIS?" "A FRENZY OF POLITICAL AND THEATRICAL DELIGHTS" — Daily Mail. Mon-Sat 8.15pm Sat Mat 5.00. Student Stand-by £1.50 1 hour before perf Mon-Sat Mat

WYNDHAM'S S CC Charing X Rd "A MAGNIFICENT NEW PRODUCTION" S Tms ALL MY SONS by ARTHUR MILLER "one of the few great story-tellers in modern drama" Observer. COLIN BLAKELY "MARVELLOUS" Guardian ROSEMARY HARRIS "OUTSTANDING" D. Tel Directed by MICHAEL BLAKEMORE "ONE IS ENTHRALLED FROM BEGINNING TO END" S Tel. Mon-Fri 7.30. Sat 4.30 & 8.0. Wed mat 3.30. Box Office 836 3028. CC 379 6565. Grp reductions 836 3962.

YOUNG VIC (Waterloo) 928 6363. Last 2 perfs today 2.30 & 7.30 Seats £2.50. A Musical in the making. MASQUERADE By Kit Williams Apr 10-17 Famous CHILDREN'S MUSIC THEATRE in BENDIGO BOSWELL.

CINEMAS

ACADEMY 1. 437 2981. Claude Goretta's A GIRL FROM LORRAINE (AA) Progs 2.00 (not Sun), 4.10, 6.20, 8.40.

ACADEMY 2. 437 5129. Tarkovsky's masterpiece STALKER (A) Perfs: 2.10 (not Sun) 5.00, 8.00. Ends April 7.

ACADEMY 3. 437 8819 Alain-Fournier's THE WANDERER (A) (Le Grand Meaulnes) Progs 4.30, 6.30, 8.40.

CAMDEN PLAZA. 485 2443 opp. Camden Town Tube. Percy Adlon's CELESTE (AA). Progs. 3.00, 6.15, 8.45. Advance booking 8.45 perfs. Reduced seat prices Mondays only.

CIC CINEMAS. All seats £2.00 on Mondays. Seats bookable for the last evening performance (not late night show). Advance box office open 11am to 7pm Monday to Saturday TELEPHONE BOOKINGS accepted between 11am and 7pm any day. 437 1234. • EMPIRE, Leicester Square REDS (AA) Sep progs daily 2.30, 7.00 (Reds at 7.30) PLAZA 1, 2, 3, 4, off Piccadilly Circus •1 VICTOR/VICTORIA (AA) Sep progs daily 2.30, 5.45, 8.30 Late shows Fri & Sat 11.15pm •2 RAIDERS OF THE LOST ARK (A) Sep progs daily 2.30, 5.00, 7.45. Late shows Fri & Sat 11.15pm •3 WHOSE LIFE IS IT ANYWAY? (AA). Sep progs daily 2.30, 5.00, 7.45. Late shows Fri & Sat 11.15pm •4 GALLIPOLI (A). Sep progs daily 2.30, 5.00, 7.45 Late shows Fri & Sat 11.15pm RITZ, Leicester Square THE FRENCH LIEUTENANT'S WOMAN (AA) Sep progs daily 2.00, 5.45, 8.30. •No Smoking area. •No Smoking

COLUMBIA Shaftesbury Ave. (734 5414) TESS (A) Sep progs Mon-Fri 3.30, 7.30; Sat 1.15, 4.20, 7.30; Sun 4.20, 7.30.

CURZON, Curzon St., W1. 499 3737 Francois Truffaut's THE WOMAN NEXT DOOR (AA). Eng. subtitles "This film outclasses all of Truffaut's films" R Roud, Gdn. Film at 2.00 (not Sun), 4.05, 6.20, and 8.40.

GATE BLOOMSBURY, 1 & 2. 837 8402/1177 Russell Sq. Tube. 1. MEPHISTO (AA) Academy award winner. 2.45, 5.30, 8.15 2. THE CONTRACT (AA) 2.30, 4.50, 6.50, 8.50 Last 5 days. Late night 11o/c. DR ZHIVAGO (A) also at 11 o/c OUT OF THE BLUE (X) LENNY BRUCE WITHOUT TEARS (X). Lic'd Bar

GATE CAMDEN, 267 1201/485 2446 Camden Town Tube. Kurosawa's I LIVE IN FEAR (AA). 2.45, 4.45, 6.45, 8.50. Late Night 11 o/c DEATH IN VENICE (X) DONT LOOK NOW (X). Lic Bar

GATE MAYFAIR 493 2031. MAYFAIR HOTEL, Stratton St., Green Park Tube. MEPHISTO (AA) ACADEMY AWARD WINNER 5.45 & 8.30

GATE, NOTTING HILL. 221 0220/727 5750. Bette Davis in THE LITTLE FOXES (A). 2.10, 4.20, 6.30, 8.45 Late Night 11.15. OUTLAND (X) THE GETAWAY (X).

LEICESTER SQUARE THEATRE (930 5252). DEATH WISH II (X). Sep progs 1.10, (not Sun) 3.35, 6.05, 8.35. Late Night Show Sat 11.45 Seats bookable: 8.35 prog Mon-Fri & all progs Sat & Sun also Late Night Show.

MINEMA. 45 Knightsbridge. 235 4225/6 THE GREATEST AUSTRALIAN FILM EVER! "BREAKER MORANT" (A). Daily: 3.00, 5.00, 7.00, 9.00.

ODEON HAYMARKET. (930 2738/2771.) ON GOLDEN POND (A). Sep Progs 1.30, 4.45, 8.05. Late Night Show Fri & Sat 11.15. All Seats Bookable for all Performances at Box Office or by Post

ODEON LEICESTER SQUARE (930 6111). For info 930 4250. 930 4259 ABSENCE OF MALICE (A). Sep Progs. Drs open dly 2.30, 5.15, 8.00. Late Night Show Sat drs open 11.15. All seats bookable by post or box office.

SCREEN ON THE HILL. 435 3366. Fassbinder's LOLA (AA). 2.00, 4.15, 6.30, 9.00. Club Show — instant Membership. Lic. Bar.

THE LANE. ST MARTIN'S LANE. ATLANTIC CITY (AA). For info 240 0071. Box Office 836 0691. Sep progs Dly 2.15 (not Sun). 5.15, 8.15. All Seats Bookable for 8.15 prog.

EXHIBITIONS

BANKSIDE GALLERY, 48 Hopton Street, Blackfriars, SE1. Royal Society of Painter-Etchers. Contemporary prints until April 10. Tues-Sats. 10-5. Suns. 2-6.

WEST LONDON CRAFTSMEN. Exhibition at Bentalls of Kingston, Wolsey Hall. Shop hours. Until 5.30 10th April. Demonstrations 10.30 & 2.30 Daily.

ART GALLERIES

ANTHONY d'OFFAY, 9 & 23 Dering St., W1. British Paintings 1890-1940 / Joseph Beuys. 629 1578.

BARBICAN CENTRE ART GALLERY EC2 628-4141 AFTERMATH: France 1945-54, New Images of Man. Until 13 June. Tue-Sat 12-9. Sun & Bank Hols 12-6. Adm. £2 & £1.

BETHNAL GREEN MUSEUM OF CHILDHOOD. Cambridge Heath Rd., E2. INDIAN PLAYING CARDS. Until 30 May. Adm free wkdys 10-6. Suns 2.30-6. Closed Fridays.

BRITISH LIBRARY (in Brit. Museum) JAPANESE POPULAR LITERATURE OF THE EDO PERIOD. Until 27 June. Wkdys. 10-5. Suns. 2.30-6 Adm. free. Closed 9 April. Open 13 April.

BROWSE & DARBY 19 Cork St. W1 01-734 7984. BRITISH PAINTINGS and DRAWINGS.

COLNAGHI ORIENTAL. Michael Goedhuis Ltd (1st floor) 14 Old Bond St. London W1. Tel. 409 3324. PAINTINGS & SCULPTURE OF INDIA. 6th-24th April 10-6. Mon-Fri. 10-1 Sats.

DAVID CARRITT LTD. 15 Duke Street, St James's, SW1. INDIAN PAINTING 1525-1825. Until 30 April. Mon-Fri 10-5. Closed Good Friday and Easter Monday

FINE ART SOCIETY 148 New Bond St. W.1. 01-629 5116 ARTHUR & GEORGIE GASKIN

HAYWARD GALLERY (Arts Council) South Bank, SE1. In the Image of Man. (Festival of India Exhibition). until 13 June: Mon-Thurs 10-8, Fri & Sat 10-6, Sun 12-6. Adm £2. all day Mon and 6-8 Tues-Thurs £1. Closed 9 April. open 12 April.

HAZLITT, GOODEN & FOX, 38 Bury Street, St James's, SW1. 930-6422. THEODORE ROUSSEAU. Loan Exhibition from English and Scottish Collections. Monday to Friday 10-5.30. Until April 8.

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Stock Exchange Prices

Firm tone

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began, March 29. Dealings End, April 16. § Contango Day, April 19. Settlement Day, April 26.

§ Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days.

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Sterling: Spot and Forward

	Market rates (day's range) April 2	Market rates (close) April 2	1 month	3 months
New York	$1.7840-1.7940	$1.7855-1.7865	0.30-0.40c disc	0.90-1.00c disc
Montreal	$2.1875-2.1975	$2.1890-2.1900	0.50-0.80c disc	1.55-1.65c disc
Amsterdam	4.74-4.78fl	4.74¾-4.75¾fl	3-1½c prem	5⅞-5⅛c prem
Brussels	80.70-81.20f	80.80-80.90f	50-70c disc	100-130c disc
Copenhagen	14.63-14.72k	14.64-14.65k	540-630ore disc	1375-1510ore disc
Dublin	1.2380-1.2455p	1.2405-1.2415p	65-80p disc	185-205p disc
Frankfurt	4.28-4.31m	4.28½-4.29½m	1⅝-1¼pf prem	4⅝-4¼pf prem
Lisbon	128.50-134.50e	126.75-127.75e	105-275c disc	325-710c disc
Madrid	190.50-191.75p	190.50-190.70p	75-105c disc	220-285c disc
Milan	2356-2366lr	2356½-2358½lr	42-47lr disc	87-92lr disc
Oslo	10.83½-10.92½k	10.84-10.85k	420-523ore disc	700-810ore disc
Paris	11.15½-11.20½f	11.16-11.17f	13-16c disc	32-38c disc
Stockholm	10.53-10.60k	10.53½-10.54½k	70-10ore prem	140-80ore prem
Tokyo	438-444y	441-442y	2.50-2.20y prem	7.35-7.00y prem
Vienna	30.00-30.25sch	30.03-30.08sch	13-10gro prem	35-28gro prem
Zurich	3.45-3.48f	3.46½-3.47½f	2¾-2⅛c prem	7-6½c prem

Effective exchange rate compared to 1975, was up 0.1 at 91.0

Money Market Rates

Clearing Banks Base Rate 13%
Discount Mkt Loans%
Weekend: High 12¾ Low 12½
Week Fixed: 12⅞-13¼

Treasury Bills (Dis%)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	12²⁹⁄₃₂	2 months	12¹¹⁄₁₆
3 months	12¹⁵⁄₁₆	3 months	12½

Prime Bank Bills (Dis%) Trades (Dis%)

1 month	13¹⁄₃₂-12³¹⁄₃₂	1 month	13¾
2 months	12²⁹⁄₃₂-12²⁷⁄₃₂	2 months	13⅝
3 months	12²⁷⁄₃₂-12¾	3 months	13¼
6 months	12⁷⁄₁₆-12⅜	6 months	13

Local Authority Bonds

1 month	14¼-14	7 months	13¼-13
2 months	14-13¾	8 months	13¼-13
3 months	14-13¾	9 months	13¾-13½
4 months	13⅞-13⅝	10 months	13¾-13½
5 months	13¾-13½	11 months	13¾-13½
6 months	13¼-13	12 months	13⅞-13⅝

Secondary Mkt. £CD Rates (%)

1 month	13¼-13⅛	6 months	13¹⁵⁄₁₆-13¹³⁄₁₆
3 months	13³⁄₁₆-13¹⁄₁₆	12 months	13¾-13¼

Local Authority Market (%)

2 days	13⅛	3 months	13½
7 days	13¼	6 months	13¼
1 month	13⅜	1 year	13⅛

Interbank Market (%)
Weekend: Open 13-12¾ Close 8

1 week	13¼-13	6 months	13⁹⁄₁₆-13⁷⁄₁₆
1 month	13⅜-13³⁄₁₆	9 months	13⁹⁄₁₆-13⁷⁄₁₆
3 months	13⁹⁄₁₆-13⁷⁄₁₆	12 months	13⁹⁄₁₆-13⁷⁄₁₆

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt. Rate%)
3 months 14 6 months 14

Finance House Base Rate 14½%

Treasury Bill Tender

Applications	£443m	allotted	£100m
Bids at	£96.89	received	91%
Last week	£96.88	received	86%
Average rate	12.4717%	Last week	12.5132%
Next week	£100m	replace	£100m

Other Markets

Australia	1.6920-1.7070
Bahrein	0.6715-0.6745
Finland	8.1465-8.1865
Greece	111.70-113.70
Hongkong	10.4085-10.4485
Iran	not available
Kuwait	0.5100-0.5130
Malaysia	4.1560-4.1860
Mexico	80.75-82.25
New Zealand	2.3180-2.3380
Saudi Arabia	6.0920-6.1220
Singapore	3.7880-3.8180
South Africa	1.8720-1.8870

Dollar Spot Rates

* Ireland	1.4400-1.4420
† Canada	1.2260-1.2263
Netherlands	2.6580-2.6610
Belgium	45.25-45.30
Denmark	8.18-8.20
West Germany	2.3990-2.4000
Portugal	73.75-74.25
Spain	106.65-106.75
Italy	1317-1318
Norway	6.06-6.07
France	6.2475-6.2575
Sweden	5.9000-5.9100
Japan	246.90-247.10
Austria	16.81-16.83
Switzerland	1.9410-1.9425

* Ireland quoted in US currency.
† Canada $1 : US $0.8152-0.8155

Euro-$ Deposits

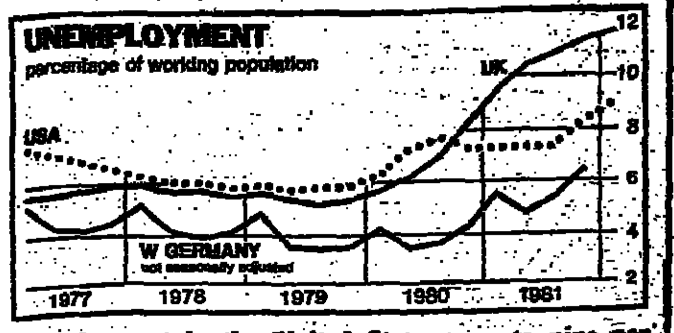
(%) calls, 13½-14½; seven days, 15½-15¾; one month, 15¹⁄₁₆-15⁵⁄₁₆; three months, 15⁹⁄₁₆-15¹¹⁄₁₆; six months, 15⁹⁄₁₆-15¹³⁄₁₆.

Gold

Gold fixed: am, $326.60 (an ounce); pm, $327.75 close, $328.
Krugerrand (per coin): $338-340 (£189-190).
Sovereigns (new): $79.5-80.5 (£44.5-45).

BUSINESS NEWS

10m jobless in US



Unemployment in the United States rose to nine per cent last month, equaling the post-war record set during the oil price recession of 1975, and meaning that close to 10 million Americans are without jobs. The figures reflect an increasing weakness in the US economy — the jobless rate was 7.2 per cent in July. In contrast West German unemployment fell last month to 8.7 per cent, or between 1.8 and 1.9 million compared with 8.2 per cent in February.

Supasave jobs threat

More than 600 jobs are at risk at Supasave, an East Midlands chain of 19 supermarkets, which is going into voluntary liquidation. *It is hoped some stores may be* taken over by other chains, which will save some jobs. Meanwhile, more than 360 redundancies were announced in the metal refining and chemical industries. Inco of Canada is to shed 200 jobs at its research and development plant in Birmingham and its Daniel Doncaster metals subsidiary in Sheffield. And 160 Monsanto employees at Fawley, Hampshire, are to lose their jobs.

Switch on for UK video

Video tape recorders are to be assembled in this country for the first time, at the Thorn Emi's complex at Newhaven, Sussex. Production is expected to begin in October after a £2m refitting programme and by mid-1983 the plant should be turning out 240,000 units a year. The agreement to produce the VHS tape recorders designed by JVC (Japanese Victor Company) is the result of four year's association between the companies.

One-fifth more houses started

Housing starts showed a 20 per cent improvement in the three months to February compared with the same period a year ago, and a 13 per cent improvement on the previous three months, according to the Department of the Environment. Work is estimated to have started on 14,800 houses and flats in February, an increase of 3,500 over the same month last year.

Hint on inflation

Inflation could be into single figures this year, Mr Leon Brittan, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, told a Conservative meeting yesterday. This is the first official hint that the Government shares the view of most private forecasters, some of whom expect inflation to fall to *single figures from its present* 11 per cent this month.

Record failures

A record level of *business failures* was recorded in the first quarter of 1982, company liquidations in England and Wales running at a rate of more than 200 a week. The total of 2,607 is 7 per cent higher than in the same period last year, and 30 per cent higher than in the last quarter of 1981, according to Dun and Bradstreet, the business information company.

● The National Enterprise Board has made £30m from asset sales since the Government ordered it to dispose of its holdings as they became profitable. Proceeds in 1979, realized £37.6m including the disposal of the Board's interest in International Computers.

● The European Commission has authorized a merger between two big French steel companies which will create *the biggest steel group in the* European Community.

Exports push UK trade into deficit

By Frances Williams

Britain's balance of trade went £132m into the red in January after a £335m surplus in December, as exports fell sharply and imports increased.

But a record estimated surplus of £480m on the balance of invisible trade, such as financial services and shipping, ensured a positive balance of payments on current account of £348m. This was only half the £641m recorded in December.

A *principal* cause of January's trade deficit was a drop in oil exports of £237m. Large surpluses on Britain's oil trade have for several months prior to January disguised big deficits on non-oil trade.

In the fourth quarter of 1981 the deficit on non-oil trade was £146m while the oil account notched up a record surplus of £698m. In January, by contrast, an oil surplus of £168m failed to cover a huge non-oil deficit of £300m.

Excluding oil and erratic items such as ships, North Sea installations, aircraft and precious stones, the volume of exports was down 4 per *cent in January while im*ports were up 2.4 per cent.

The Department of Trade, warned yesterday that not too much should be read into one month's figures. *Officials pointed out that the* volume of non-oil exports, excluding erratics, was running 5½ per cent above its level a year earlier in the forth quarter of 1981. But the volume of imports was nearly 20 per cent higher, and show no sign of slowing.

Import figures for May and June 1981, available yesterday for the first time after being held up by the civil service dispute, show that the big surge in imports came in the summer and autumn last. This is likely to reflect the slower rate of destocking and greater investment as industry picked up slightly after the bottom of the recession touched in the spring.

Mr John Biffen, Secretary of State for Trade, welcomed the January current account surplus of £348m which he said confirmed the view that Britain would continue to run a surplus for some while *ahead*. The Treasury forecasts published with the Budget predict a current account surplus of £4,000m in 1982 after a record £8,000m surplus in 1981. But most private forecasters expect the surplus to dwindle more rapidly.

The £480m estimated surplus in invisible trade in January is more than 50 per cent higher than the average for the last quarter of 1981, and compares with the £433m a month surplus run in the first quarter. Then, as in January, the *surplus* includes increased budget refunds from the European Community.

State chairman dismissed

By Jonathan Davis, Energy Correspondent

Mr Glyn England, who was effectively dismissed yesterday as chairman of the Central Electricity Generating Board, has launched a bitter attack on the Government's dealings with his industry, which he said had pushed up electricity prices and done nothing except cause greater inefficiency.

Mr England, who disclosed that he is a founding member of the Social Democratic Party, was told by Mr Nigel Lawson, Secretary for Energy, on Thursday that his *five-year term would not be* renewed when it expires on May 8. A successor had not been found for the £45,000 a year job.

Mr England, aged 60, has clashed openly with ministers and officials in the last few months, and his criticisms of Government interference yesterday marks a new low in the deteriorating relationship between Whitehall and State industries.

"The customer would have benefited if we had taken less notice than we customarily do of the wishes of ministers," Mr England said at a Press *conference yesterday*. "Almost inevitably, the decisions of politicians push up the price of electricity".

He said that successive Secretaries for Energy "*would find it difficult to* point to actions they had taken that improved the *efficiency of this enterprise*. But it would not be difficult to present a list of actions they have taken to make it more difficult for us to be efficient".

Mr England listed examples of unhelpful Government interference, which included the decision to restrict coal imports last year in the wake of the Government's climbdown over the National Coal Board's pit closure plans, a decision that pushed up the CEGB's costs without the board being consulted: an order for the CEGB to stock coal during the recent Aslef dispute, which Mr England said cost consumers £5m; and Mr Lawson's delay in announcing appointments to the CEGB, which had caused uncertainty and was a real handicap to the board's work.



England: Government actions have pushed up prices

Mr England said that he had beengiven two reasons by Mr Lawson for the loss of his job. One was that industrialists had lost confidence in the CEGB, which he described as "surprising". The other was that the CEGB had notgiven enough information to officials at the Department of Energy, which he described as "nonsense".

Mr England, a former Labour county councillor, has worked in the electricity supply industry since 1947, and was originally appointed chairman in 1977 by Mr Wedgwood Benn, who was Energy Secretary.

The view of Mr Lawson is that it was time for a change at the top of the CEGB, which with a turnover of £8,5000m a year is one of the country's largest industries. While department officials were careful not to be drawn into a public slanging mtch, they noted that the CEGB's financial target of a 1.8 per cent return on assets — which was also criticized by Mr England as unduly rigorous — was hardly a demanding one on such a large turnover.

Hard days ahead for soft drinks

By Derek Harris, Commercial Editor

Another *sales war* is bubbling in the £500m annual sales fizzy drinks market in which Coca-Cola and Pepsi-Cola are already involved in a £9m a year campaign.

The *lemon and lime* soft drink Seven-Up, a Philip Morris subsidiary, which *world-wide* is the third largest seller behind Coca-Cola and PepsiCola, has only 1 per cent of the British market. But now Beecham Group, whose brand names include Corona, Quosh and Ribena, is getting the bottling and marketing rights for Seven-Up and a £3m a year promotional spend is planned.

That will be three times PepsiCola's promotional *effort* although Seven-Up may snatch sales not so much from the cola drinks but *the* fragmented lemonade market which accounts for the biggest slice of the carbonated soft drinks market.

Coca-Cola is credited with 13 per cent of the *fizzy* drinks market and PepsiCola 4 per cent.

In South-East grocery outlets Seven-Up already holds 5 per cent of canned soft drink sales and was still *growing* last year while the soft drinks market as a whole, hit by the bad summer, saw sales decline by around 3 per cent.

It is the second new shot in the battle within days. Dr Pepper, America's third biggest soft drinks seller (in the United States Seven-Up is number four), goes on sale in Britain this month under a licensing deal with Britvic, the Allied-Lyons subsidiary. Around £600,000 will be spent on target consumers in the 16 to 24 bracket.

An expansion of the Pizza Hut chain of 13 fast food outlets in Britain, is planned by a joint company set up by Whitbread, the brewers, and Pepsico.

Record drop in gold and currency reserves

By Our Economic Staff

Britain's gold and foreign currency reserves suffered their biggest-ever drop in a single month in March, as the annual revaluation wiped $4,218m (£2,369m) off their value. The total fall amounted to $4,404m leaving the reserves standing at $18,969m (£10,637m) at the end of the month.

Before revaluation the reserves fell by $186m (£104m) in March. After excluding repayments and new overseas borrowings by public sector bodies, the underlyingfall was $146m.

This suggests that Bank of England intervention to steady the pound was limited. Sterling ended the month weaker against both the dollar and the Deutsche mark, but its trade-weighted index was virtually unchanged.

The huge revaluation drop reflected both the fall in the dollar gold price since last year and a stronger dollar which has reduced the value of other convertible currencies held in the reserves. Britain's gold holdings are now valued at $4,600m, nearly 40 per cent down from their pre-revaluation level of $7,400m. Holdings of foreign currencies, special drawing rights (SDRs) and European currency units (Ecus) fell in value from $15,800m to $14,400m.

The drop in the reserves is unlikely to worry the Government. They remain at a high level, when the Government has paid off early a huge amount of outstanding foreign debt.

Slight disappointment with the latest trade figures eliminated an earlier gain for the pound in quiet foreign exchange trading yesterday. After reaching a day's "high" of $1.7925, sterling closed a net 5 points lower.

DIVING CLOSURE

Britain will have to send its deep-sea divers for the offshore oil industry to training schools in Norway and France unless a buyer can be found for a Government-financed diving school at Fort William in Scotland.

The centre established in 1976 has received £6m of Government funds and was the subject of a political storm two years ago after an investigation by the Public Accounts Committee, Parliament's watchdog on public spending.

The 36 staff at the Underwater Training Centre at Fort William are expected to be made redundant.

Trafalgar offers £10m for engineering group

By Peter Hill, Industrial Editor

British Steel Corporation is to sell its structural engineering subsidiary, Redpath Dorman Long, to Trafalgar House Group for £10m.

The sale, which is expected to be completed by the middle of this month, marks a further step in the corporation's disposal of assets to the private sector.

The planned sale of RDL, which after several years of heavy losses is now breaking even, was welcomed by the *Minister for Industry*, Mr Norman Lamont, but produced a strong attack from *Apex, the white collar union*, which called for the deal to be halted.

Apex, the Association of Professional Executive, Clerical and Computer Staff, plans to hold a special delegate meeting later this month to draw up its strategy. RDL which has sales of about £100m has made losses of £23m over the past two years but has slimmed its labour force from 9,000 to about 3,000.

Lord Matthews, deputy chairman and chief executive of Trafalgar, confirmed last night that further jobs would be cut.

"Although between 600 and 700 jobs are likely to go, the majority of employees can look forward to a secure future with us", he said.

Trafalgar was invited to bid for RDL some months ago although it has shown interest in the past when BSC announced that it was seeking to dispose of its non *mainline iron and steelmaking* activities which include BSC Chemicals.

Trafalgar owns Cleveland Bridge whose activities closely complement RDL. But whereas RDL has concentrated more on the domestic market in recent years, Cleveland has secured important structural engineering contracts including bridge building projects overseas.

BSC fund bids for Fed land

British Steel Corporation's fund has made counter bid for Federated Land, the group already subject toan offer from MP Kent, the construction and property group which values the company at £19m.

The all-cash offer is being recommended for acceptance by Federated's directors who indicated they will vote the 23.3 per cent in the company they control in favour of the bid.

This latest move supercedes Kent's last week's offer which valued Federated at just under £17m. The bid was two shares in Kent and 20p cash for every Federated share it did not already own. Kent has *held* a 14.72 per cent stake in Fedrated since a dawn raid last autumn.

The pension fund, which already owns £412m of property, has offered Federated shareholders 175p a share, of for those who prefer an equivalent amount of redeemable loan stock.

MARKET SUMMARY

Bids highlight grey day

LONDON EXCHANGE

FT Index 571.0 up 0.9
FT Gilts 69.34 up 0.34
FT All Share 329.60 up 1.79
Bargains 25,018

Actual and speculated bids provided the high spot in the equity market, which *ended* with profit taking leaving the FT Index just 0.9 better at 571.0

Cawoods spurted 28p to 288p with still no news on who would emerge as the bidder, but Ultramar the rumoured *suitor* after *stating* that it wants to make an acquisition in the UK, shed 5p to 383p.

Mixconcrete put on 11p to 97p on the back of its stake in Cawoods while *Lasmo*, in which *Cawood's 9.1 per cent* would be the attraction to any bidder, put on 22p to 344p.

Meanwhile activity increased in the complex tangle around Mr Peter Meyer's Federated Land, 31p better at 174p after British Steel Corporation Pension Fund's 170p a share cash offer.

The first in the field, MP Kent put on 3p to 71p after announcing that the board would be meeting to consider increasing its offer, but *Estates & General, whose* merger with Federated begins to look less likely, shed 7p to 60p.

Strong rumours that Rowntree had sold its 23.5 per cent stake in Huntley & Palmer to Nabisco Brands pushed Rowntree up 6p to 174p with Huntley & Palmer 5p ahead at 98p.

Nabisco made an expected *offer for Huntley & Palmer last* month worth £84m against the £72.5m which Rowntree had bid *and both offers are currently being* investigated by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, which effectively put them on ice for at least six months.

Car distributor Appleyard Group plunged 10p to 49p after a week which not *only saw gloomy* trading news but also the dashinbg hoes that Suter Electrical would *make* an offer, following the group's sale of its 25 per cent stake to Mercantile Credit.

Elsewhere there were modest gains for most leaders, with Glaxo 10p better at 548p ahead of next week's half-timer and GEC 7p *ahead at 834p on revived talk of a* share split.

It was a quiet end to the week in the gilt market which *failed* to hold early gains, with long dates £¼ better and shorts generally *unchanged*.

Imperial put on 4½p to 98½p *on news of the £48.5m* sale of its poultry division, a move which has been rumoured since Mr Geoffrey Kent the *group's new chairman* took office. There was a 4p boost to 129p for Trafalgar House on *news* that it had agreed the £10m acquisition of British Steel Corporation's Redpath Dorman Long subsidiary.

Further *cheer in oils came from* KCA International, 3p better at 96p, on a profits leap from £3.7m to £8.0m pre-tax and the sale of its near 30 per cent holding in Berkeley Exploration, 10p better at 292p, to Elf UK. There were *gain too for* Candecca, 190) up 4p, and Carless Capel, up 9p to 175p.

Ahead of *trading news* next week there was a 1p rise to 242p for Bowater, where market estimates are for at least £100m pre-tax, and Rugby Portland, still recovering from the prospect of cheap cement imports, 2p better at 89p.

Gareth David

COMMODITIES

● Cocoa lost the gains it made briefly this week. The May contract closed at £989 a tonne, a fall of £4 on the day and £21 during the week. April was £1 lower yesterday at £979 a tonne. Dealers have been impressed by *estimates* of continued heavy surpluses this year, and the restraint shown by some origins, *notably* Nigeria, *in* holding material off the market has done little to restore confidence.

● *Rubber's* advance almost petered out yesterday. May material slipped from 58.75p a *kilogramme to* 58.45p, while the June contract rose slightly to 59.30p from 59.15p a kilo*gramme. A common view* is that the market is technically overbought, but that a strong buyer *has so far thwarted fundamenals*.

● Tin drifted without obvious direction, confirming that it may *have found a trading range. Cash* metal ended the day £10 down at £7,037 a tonne, still £11 above the week's *opening*.

CURRENCIES

●Foreign exchange markets were generally quiet and currencies moved narrowly. The pound recovered from an initial fall following the trade figures, to close little changed.

LONDON CLOSE
Sterling
$1.7860 down 5 points
index 91.0 up 0.1
DM 4.2950
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YEN 441.00
DOLLAR
Index 115.8 up 0.1
DM 2.3995 down 35pts
GOLD $328.00 up $2.

OTHER EXCHANGES

Tokio: Nikkei Dow Jones Index 7,332.96 up 39.29
Hongkong: Hang Seng Index 1,196.27 up 21.97

MONEY MARKETS

● *Most* rates tended to ease further. The Bank of England forecast a shortage of £250m and bought £211m of bills outright at unchanged rates.

Domestic rates:
Base rates13%
3-month interbank 13⁹⁄₁₆-13⁷⁄₁₆
Euro-currency rates
3-month dollar 15⅝₁₆-15⁹⁄₁₆
3-month DM 9⅝₁₆-9¹⁄₁₆
3-month FrF 25½-24½

Lonrho borrowing dispute

By Rosemary Unsworth

Mr Roland "Tiny" Rowland's Lonrho group is facing another challenge from Gulf *Fisheries, one of its leading* shareholders, which is demanding a shareholder poll to decide whether the group's borrowing limit should be increased.

Gulf, the Kuwaiti-controlled investment company which owns about 15 per cent of the shares, is opposed to Lonrho's plan to lift its borrowing limit from £976m to £1,464m.

Mr Tom Ferguson, its London representative, told 550 shareholders at the annual meeting yesterday in London that the board's record did not justify giving such massive scope for further acquisitions. He pointed out that since 1977 after tax profit had fallen from £43m to £38m and earnings per share were down from 23p to 15p.

"There is clearly no justification for any confidence *that the board would use its* increased borrowing capacity for the benefit of shareholders. *The existing borrow*ing limit, which would permit additional borrowing of £387m is quite adequate."

The poll will be taken within the next 30 days and Lonrho needs a 75 per cent majority on the resolution. Its directors control about 17 per cent of the shares.

At last year's annual meeting, Gulf unsuccessfully attempted to block an increase in the share capital. Mr Alan Ball, a Lonrho director, yesterday said that the group felt the proposal was entirely reasonable.

But Mr Rowland said he was surprised by the opposition as he had met Kuwaiti representatives of Gulf Fisheries last week.

"In seven hours of talks, far from slowing us up, they suggested five or six new *joint ventures in the Middle* East, South Korea and Japan, and I was under the impression all our differences had been settled."

Tom Ferguson: no confidence

First step in chairman's new strategy

Imperial in £48.5m food sale

By Derek Harris, Commercial Editor

First fruits of the massive management strategy reaping now going on at Imperial Group *under* Mr Geoffrey Kent, its new chairman and chief executive, emerged yesterday: the sale of a third of its food division interests.

Hillsdown Holdings, a private investment holding *company*, is paying £48.5m, some of it deferred, for Imperial's troubled broiler, egg, *animal* feed and meat trading businesses. Brand names involved are the J B Eastwood Buxted poultry, Daylay eggs and Nitrovit animal feeds. Hillsdown, owned mainly by meat millionaire Mr David Thompson, already has interests in *bacon*, the meat and poultry industries.

During the *last* full trading year ended last October the turnover of the businesses being sold was £382m but there were pre tax losses of £8m. That was leaving out of account interest on loans from the group.

By the time of completion of the deal in May assets of the businesses are expected to amount to £10m. Hillsdown says jobs now 9,400 in number will be safeguarded.

The divestment is the biggest since Imperial, firmly rooted in the tobacco business which still accounts for half its turnover, first started to diversify in the early sixties. In April last year the Smedley canning interests, bought in 1968, were following losses of £1.5m sold to a company jointly owned by Imperial and Tosor, Kemsley and Millbourn.

But it was not so much the losses in the poultry, egg, feeds and meat businesses that lie behind Imperial's decision to sell. At a cost of £10.8m a big rationalization programme, including closure of six factories, two packing stations and more than 30 farms, was put through.

The businesses now have a good potential, in Imperial's judgment. But in a statement the group said that the potential would be greater with a company having a bigger commitment to this sector of business than Imperial planned to have in the future.

Overall the commodity food businesses were now trading profitably, added Imperial.

Mr Kent has already made clear that the group's reassessment programme, aimed at identifying its essential core industries, leaves the options open on all Imperial's activities.

How Imperial grew beyond tobacco

Food	Bought	Sold
Lea & Perrins (sauces)	1967	
Nitrovit (animal feed)	1970	1982
Buxted Poultry	1970	1982
Ross Foods	1969	
Young's Seafoods	1969	
Golden Wonder (crisps)	1960	
HP Foods (sauces)	1967	
Eastwood Thompson (meat)	1978	1982
National Canning (Smedley)	1968	1981
Brewing, leisure		
Courage (including John Smith)	1972	
Saccone & Speed (drinks sales)	1972	
Imperial Hotels	1972	
Motoross (motorway cafes)	1969	
Happy Eater (restaurants)	1981	
Howard Johnson	1980	

FAMILY MONEY — **EDITED BY LORNA BOURKE**

Speculating in currencies - the safe way

Some 15 months ago Rothschild launched its multi-currency fund, Old Court International Reserves, which offers both small and large investors the facility to hold foreign currencies, and switch from one to the other without charge. Since the launch, Rothschild have taken $222m.

Lagging several laps behind, merchant bankers Leopold Joseph and Charterhouse Japhet have both come into the market this week with multi-currency funds which are very much a straight copy of the Rothschild scheme.

There is no "front-end load" on any of the funds, dealing spreads or costs. In each case the managers take a straight 0.75 per cent a year on the value of the funds as their charge (0.5 per cent in the case of Charterhouse's sterling fund only). There are no charges for switching from one currency to another.

The appeal of these funds is that investors can speculate in a currency while obtaining money market deposit rates on relatively small sums of money, and switch out of a currency at a moment's notice if they do not like the way it is moving.

It allows investors to take a view on a particular currency with very little risk, though there are differences between the funds in how rapidly a switch can be made. Charterhouse has a system of "inscribed shares" which enables the investor to make a telephone call or telex and switch on that day provided the instructions are received before noon. Rothschild has a similar system with a 10 am deadline for same-day dealing but Leopold Joseph requires two days written notice (either letter or telex) which could prove a distinct disadvantage if currencies move rapidly.

Investors in Rothschild's funds receive no income—interest is reinvested. Leopold Joseph offers the option of income or capital shares in each of the five currencies while Charterhouse follows Rothschild and is an accumulation fund.

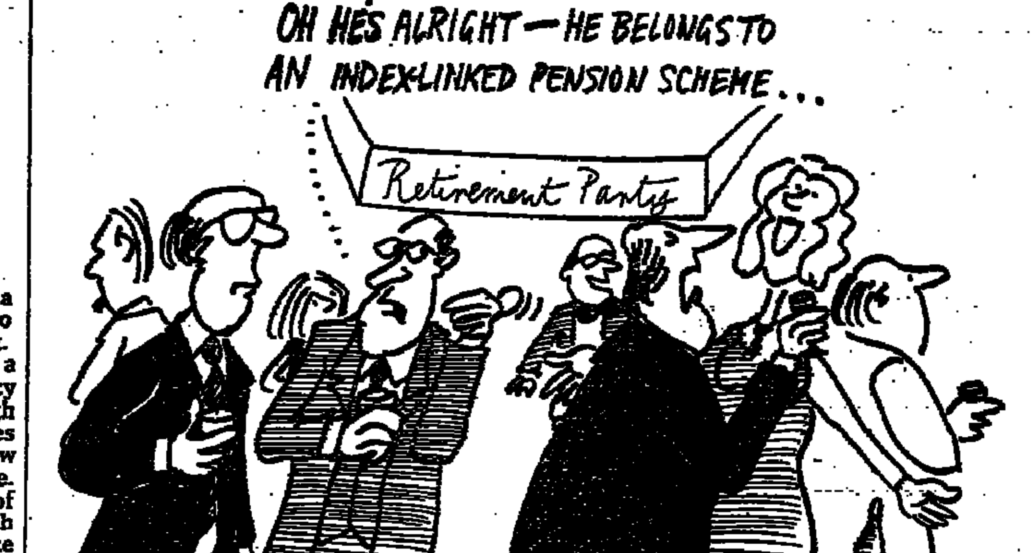
The table shows the 15-month and 3-month performance of Rothschild Old Court International Reserves funds, income reinvested.

	Rothschild Old Court International Reserves	Charterhouse Central Assets Currency Funds	LS & S Currency Fund
Minimum Investment	None	*£10,000	*£1,000
Charges	0.75% p.a.	0.75% p.a.	0.75% p.a.
Currencies offered	US $ Sterling D-mark Swiss Franc French Franc Belgian Franc Guilder Lira Singapore $ Canadian $	US $ Sterling D-mark Swiss Franc French Franc SDRs	US $ Sterling D-mark Swiss Franc French Franc
Income	Reinvested	Reinvested	Reinvested or Paid

PERFORMANCE OF ROTHSCHILD FUNDS

	15 months to 31.3.82 %	3 months to 31.3.82 %
US dollar	60.9	10.6
Canadian $	57.8	6.6
Singapore $	45.8	4.3
Swiss franc	34.6	1.1
Lira	24.6	2.2
D-mark	23.7	1.8
Guilder	21.1	0.5
French franc	18.7	1.0
Sterling	16.6	3.1
Belgian franc	–4.2	–11.0

*Or currency equivalent



Inflation-proofing for all

Index-linked pensions used to be the exclusive preserve of civil servants — but not any more. Target Life is first in the market with a pension scheme for the self-emloyed and anyone in a "non-pensionable" job, guaranteeing to pay a pension at retirement increasing annually in line with movements in the Retail Prices Index.

If you can afford the premiums, you can now enjoy inflation proofing of retirement benefits.

It is, of course, the advent of index-linked gilts, and the promise of more index-linked issues to come which has made it possible to offer inflation-proofed pensions.

It also makes it possible to calculate precisely when you have to start paying premiums to be certain of buying yourself a pension of two-thirds of your final salary — the maximum allowed by Inland Revenue.

Assuming you can afford to invest the maximum permissable amount (17.5 per cent of earnings) each year, you will need to start one of Target's pension plans at age 32 to retire on two-thirds of your final salary.

This is assuming your money is invested over the years at a rate of return 2.5 per cent in excess of inflation (the current return on index-linked gilts). If the actual return is higher than this, you will be able to reduce your contribution or possibly provide better benefits.

Minimum contribution is £30 a month and the scheme is very flexible allowing premiums to be varied or made on a one-off basis. The only drawback is, of course, that few people can afford to pay the maximum into a scheme when they are young. Assuming you cannot afford to start tucking away 17.5 per cent of earnings until you are 45, Target calculates that you will be able to retire with an index-linked pension of one-third of your final salary. If you leave it until age 50 before you start a plan you will earn an infaltion proofed pension of just over 20 per cent of your final salary.

Like all self-employed pension schemes contributions are eligible for full tax relief at your highest rate paid. For the top rate taxpayer this means that a £1,000 annual contribution costs only £400.

The scheme will be of particular interest to the 10 million employees who are in a job with no pension scheme. Most are unaware that they are eligible for full tax relief on premiums paid to a "self-employed" pension scheme such as Target's index-linked scheme.

The importance of inflation proofing for pensions is illustrated by Target with calculations showing the relative positions of a headmaster (who is entitled to an index-linked civil service pension) and an engineer, both retiring in 1971 on a pension of £2,000 a year. Both received in addition a state pension of £504 and after tax, they both had spendable income of £1,750 a year. By 1981 inflation had pushed up the headmaster's index-linked pension to £7,347 while the engineer still receives just £2,000.

Both get the State retirement pension of £2,220 but after tax the headmaster's spendable income is £7,326 compared with the engineer's miserable £3,823.

How does Target's index-linked pension scheme compare with the more conventional plans? Target believes that the same level of contributions to a conventional self-employed pension scheme would produce a pension at retirement roughly double that paid under the index-linked plan, but it would, of course, remain at that level.

However, you do not have to make up your mind now. You can pay contributions in the normal way and decide whether you want the conventional level pension at retirement or a lower, but index-linked one.

MONEY TALK

Help for high-risk motorists

Have you been convicted of drinking and driving? Are you under 21 and just passed your driving test? Do you have a bad accident record as a driver? Sentry Motor Insurance is anxious to reassure these higher-than-average risk drivers that insurance is available at a reasonable price. It has produced the Cloverleaf Guide to the Uncommon Motorist which takes a lighthearted look at some of the higher risk categories and gives illustrative insurance quotes for various "high risk" drivers.

Charge dropped

Holders of National Savings Bank ordinary accounts can arrange for standing orders to be made free of charge. Formerly a 10p charge was levied on each standing order payment but this is being discontinued from April 1. Payments under each standing order cannot be more frequent than once a month and a balance sufficient to meet the next payment must be kept in the account. Holders wanting to make use of this facility should apply to the Standing Order Section, NSB, Glasgow G58 1SB.

Mortgage loans

Parents borrowing money to finance school fees might be interested in a new second mortgage loan scheme from British National Life. Current interest rate is 16 per cent which compares well with a bank overdraft and is considerably cheaper than the 20 per cent plus charged by the banks for personal loans.

The money does not have to be used exclusively for school fees but British National Life believes this will be the market which will be interested. Minimum loan is £2,500 with a maximum of £25,000 and capital can be drawn down in various amounts if the funds are being used for school fees. Loans are for 10 to 15 years. The catch is that repayment is by means of a British National Life *non-profit* endowment.

FAMILY MONEY MARKETS

Banks
Current account — no interest paid. Deposit accounts — Barclays, Lloyds, and Natwest 10¼ per cent, Midland, 10 per cent, seven days notice required for withdrawals. For sums of £5,000-£25,000. Fixed-term deposits — 1 month 12½ per cent, 3 and 6 months, 12 per cent. Rates quoted by Barclays. Other banks may differ.

Money funds
Seven-day deposits. Simco 7-day fund — 13.48 per cent. UDT *Average Rate Deposits — 13.375. Tydnall 7-day Fund 13.5 per cent. Simco dollar fund — 14.10. Interest paid without deduction of tax. Further details from: Simco 01 236 0233. UDT 01 623 3020. Tyndall 0272 732241.
* New Scheme — old scheme now discontinued.

National Savings Bank
Ordinary accounts — interest 5 per cent, first £70 of interest tax-free. Investment Account — *13½ per cent, interest paid without deduction of tax, one month's notice of withdrawal, maximum investment £200,000. *Reducing to 13% on 1st May.

National Savings index-linked certificates
Maximum investment £5,000, return tax-free and linked to changes in the retail prices index, 4 per cent bonus if held full five years to maturity. Cash value of £100 certificates purchased in March 1977, £184.17 including 4 per cent bonus.

Guaranteed Income Bonds
Return paid net of basic rate tax, higher rate taxpayers may have a further liability on maturity.
3 years, Lamont Life 10.25% min investment £1,000.
4 years, American Life 11-12.5% (dependent on age) min investment £1,000.
5 years, Eurolife 12% min investment £1,000.

Local authority town hall bonds
Fixed term, fixed rate investments, interest quoted gross (basic rate tax deducted at source reclaimable by non-taxpayers). 1 year 12¾% 2-3 years 13¾% 4-6 13⅞% 7-10 14%
Further details available from Chartered Institute of Public Finance Loans Bureau (01-828 7855, after 3 pm). See also on Prestel no 24808.

Local authority yearling bonds
12-month fixed rate investments, interest 13⅝ pc basic rate tax deducted at source (can be reclaimed by non-taxpayers), minimum investment £1,000, purchased through stockbrocker or bank.

Building societies
Ordinary share accounts — 8.75 pc. Term shares — 1 to 5 years, between 0.5 pc and 2 pc over the BSA recommended ordinary share rate depending on the term. Regular savings schemes — 1.25 pc over BSA recommended ordinary share rate. Rates quoted above are those most commonly offered. Individual building societies may quote different rates. Interest on all accounts paid net of basic rate tax, not reclaimable by non-taxpayers.

Finance for Industry
Fixed-term, fixed-rate investments of between 3 and 10 years, interest paid half-yearly without deduction of tax: 3-4 years, 13¼ pc; 5-7 years, 13½ pc; 8-10 years, 13¾ pc; Further information from FFI 91 Waterloo Road, London SE1 (01-928 7822).

Finance house deposits (UDT)
Fixed-term, fixed-rate deposits, interest paid without deductions of tax. For sums of between £5,000 and £50,000: 6 months, 12⅞ pc; 1 year, 12⅞ pc; 2 years, 13 pc.

Foreign currency deposits*
Interest paid without deduction of tax.

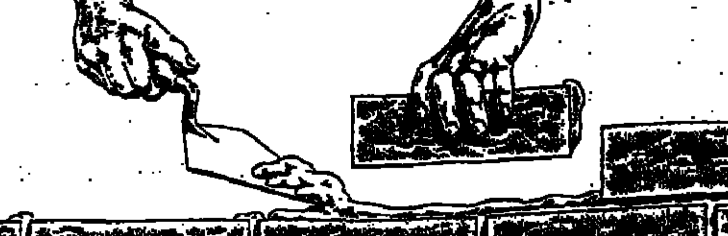
	notice 1 day	7 days
US dollar (call)	12⅞ p.c.	13 p.c.
Yen (2 days)	3 p.c.	3⅛ p.c.
D. Mark	6 p.c.	6⅛ p.c.
French Franc	18 p.c.	18⅛ p.c.
Swiss Franc	Nil p.c.	Nil p.c.

*Rates quoted by Midland Bank — other banks may differ.

Base Lending Rates

ABN Bank	13%
Barclays	13%
BCCI	13%
Consolidated Crds	13%
C. Hoare & Co	*13%
Lloyds Bank	13%
Midland Bank	13%
Nat Westminster	13%
TSB	13%
Williams & Glyn's	13%

* 7 day deposits on sums of under £10,000 10¼%. £10,000 up to £50,000 11% £50,000 and over 11½%.



BUSINESS NEWS/COMPANIES AND MARKET REPORTS

IBSTOCK JOHNSEN

Brick profits tumble

Brickmaker Ibstock Johnsen saw profits collapse from £2.16m to £175,000 for the year to December 1981, but a maintained dividend helped the ordinary shares rise 5p to 77p on the stock market yesterday.

The final dividend is 4.28p gross, which makes a total payout of 6.42p gross for the year — the same as last time.

In the United Kingdom, trading profit fell only marginally on last year from £5.5m to £4.98m. The worst performance was in the Netherlands where last year's £469,000 loss became a £1m deficit. In the United States, a £534,000 loss contrasted with last year's £269,000 profit.

For the group turnover increased from £57.5m to £60.3m. Interest charges of £3.7m were slightly up on last year's figure of £3.2m. Gross borrowings as a proportion of shareholders funds fell 1 per cent to 48 per cent during the year.

On the maintained dividend, Mr Paul Hyde-Thomson, chairman said: "Although the results are disappointing, the directors believe it would not be in the shareholders' interests for dividends to fluctuate with the extreme ups and downs of building cycles."

He said holding the dividend reflected the carefully controlled cash position, confidence in the long-term future and cautious optimism that 1982 trends were showing some signs of improvement.

The results were made worse in the United States and the Netherlands by the exchange rate weaknesses of sterling suring the year. This increased the impact of the overseas losses on translation, Mr Hyde-Thomson said.

"The United States division concentrated on conserving cash by cutting production and achieved its objective at the expense of a small loss," he said.

He blamed the Dutch losses on the minimal level of activity in the private housing sector.

SUTER ELECTRICAL

Buoyant sales

Suter Electrical, the hair salon and refrigeration equipment manufacturer, made taxable profits of £574,000 in the 19 months to December against £449,000 for the preceding 14 months. The group is paying the 1.43p per share gross devidend forecast in the rights issue document at the time of the £9m acquistion ofthe former BL subsidiary, Prestcold.

Sales for the first two months of the current year were 35 per cent ahead, while rationalization of the Prestcold group would transform losses of £900,000 into a small profit in the forst quarter, Mr David Abell, chairman, said.

The board viewed the future with some optimism although it did not expect the current increase in sales to be maintained at that level.

Suter had hoped to acquire the car distributor, Appleyard Group, in which it had built up a near 20 per cent stake, but it was not showing an improved trading performance and the shares were sold reacently to Mercantile Credit.

Sales rose from £4.19m to £45.08m Earnings a share were 2.86p against 6.73p.

KCA INTERNATIONAL

Trading advance

KCA International, the oil services group yesterday announced a near-doubling of sales and trading profit for the year to December.

As a result of a £922,000 exceptional credit the pretax profit was up to £8m from £3.7m last year. Sales rose from £24.7m to £41.86m, and trading profit was up to £7.09m from £3.7m.

The company has sold 1.48 million shares of its holding in Berkeley Exploration and Production to Elf United Kingdom for £4.81m it also announced yesterday. The shares, which represented 29.8 per cent of Berkeley's share capital, were sold for £3.25 each.

Both pieces of nefws contributed to heavy trading in KCA's ordinary shares which reached 101p at one point — a rise of 8p — before settling back at 96p. The final dividend has been held at 3.92p gross, giving a slight increase in the total payout — up from 7.5p gross to 7.85 gross.

Mr Paul Bristol, chairman, said that although the group pretax profit fell short of earlier estimates, it was a substantial increase on the previous year.

COMMODITIES

COPPER: Higher grade copper was steadier at yesterday's close. — Afternoon: — Higher grade cash, £832-33.00; three months £859.50-60.00. Sales: 6,800 tonnes. Cash standard cathodes, £828-50-29.00; three months, £854.00-55.00; Sales: 25 tonnes. Morning. — Higher grade cash, £829-29.50; three months, £857-57.50. Settlement, £829.50. Sales: 8,700 tonnes. Cash standard cathodes, £825-26.00; three months, £852.50-53.00. Settlement, £826.00. Sales: 800 tonnes.

TIN: Standard tin was steady. — Afternoon. — Standard cash, £7,035-40 a tonne; three months £7,250-55. Sales, 1,070 tonnes. High grade, cash £7,035l-40; three months £7,260-70. Sales, five tonnes. Morning. — Standard cash £7,045. Sales, 3,170 tonnes. High grade, cash £7,040-45; three months, £7,260-65. Settlement, £7,045. Sales, 10 tonnes. Singapore tin ex-works. $M29.68a picul.

LEAD was steady. — Afternoon. — Cash £317-17.50 per tonne; three months £328-28.50. Sales 2,735 tonnes. Morning. — Cash £316.25; three months £326.50-327. Settlement £316.25. Sales 9,250 tonnes.

ZINC was steadier. — Afternoon. — Cash £410-11.00 per tonne; three months £415.50-16.00. Sales 1,825 tonnes. Morning. — Cash £407.50-408; three months £412.50-413.00. Settlement £408.00. Sales 5,000 tonnes.

PLATINUM was at £176.80 ($315.75) a troy ounce.

SILVER was steadier. — Bullion market (fixing levels). — Spot. 397.00p per troy ounce (United States cents equivalent. 711.00); three months, 409.90p (737.50c); six months, 421.90p (762.60c); one year, 449.50p (817.10c). London Metal Exchange. — Afternoon. — Cash, 399.5-400.5p; three months, 412.5-13.0p. Sales, 25 lots of 10,000 troy ounces each. Morning. — Cash, 397.5-398.5p; three months, 410.2-410.5p. Settlement, 398.5p. Sales, 31 lots.

ALUMINIUM was steadier. — Afternoon. — Cash, £553.50-571. Settlement, £550.50. Sales, 4,650 tonnes.

NICKLE closed firm. — Afternoon. — Cash, £3,055-65 per tonne; three months, £3,090-95. Sales, 234 tonnes. Morning. — Cash, £3,005-3,010; three months, £3,041-3,045. Settlement, £3,010. Sales, 168 tonnes.

RUBBER (pence per kilo) — May, 57.00-59.90; June 58.10-60.50; July-Sept 59.70-59.90; Oct-Dec 59.70-59.80; Jan-March 61.20-6.30; April-June 63.60-62.70; July-Sept 63.90-64.50; Oct-Dec 65.10-65.30; Jan-March 66.30-66.70. Sales: 155 lots at 15 tonnes each, including one kerb.

COFFEE.—ROBUSTAS (£ per tonne): May 1229-1230; July 1174-1175; Sept 1152-1153; Nov 1140-1142; Jan 1130-1140 March 1125-1135; May 1120-1140. Sales: 3,510 lots, including 116 options.

COCOA (£ per metric ton). — Apl 973-985; May 989.99-; Jly 1021-1022; Sep 1051-1052; Dec 1081-1083; Mch 1112-1113; May 1128-1130; Jly 1140-1142. Sales: 1,592 lots, including one option. ICCO prices: daily (April 1), 80.04c; indicator price (April 2), 5-day average, 80.13c. (US cents per lb.)

SUGAR.—The London daily price of "raws" was £1.00 lower at £147; the "whites" price was £2.00 higher at £168. Futures (£ per tonne): May 153.95-154.25; Aug 156.85-156.95; Oct 161.85-161.90; Jan 164.75-165.00; Mch 170.95-171.00; May 173.50-174.00; Aug 175.25-177.00. Sales: 2,727 lots. ISA prices (April 1): daily, 10.78c; 15-day average, 10.95c.

LATEST RESULTS

Company Int or Fin	Sales £m	Profits £m	Earnings per share	Div pence	Pay date	Year's total
Breedon Lime (F)	3.71(3.88)	11.06(1.11)	5(5)	—(—)	—	7.6 (7.6)
Early's (F)	7.63(7.41)	0.22(0.18)	297(6.88)	1.4(1.4)	—	1.8(1.8)
Elys (F)	7.03(6.59)	0.34(0.31)	15.4(12.1)	4.8(3.8)	—	6.8(4.8)
Gibbs & Dandy (F)	14(14.65)	0.34(0.41)	4.6(3.9)	1.4(12.5)	19/5	1.4(1.25)
Ibstock (F)	60.3(57.5)	0.17(2.16)	0.21(8.33)	3(3)	20/5	4.5(4.5)
KCA (F)	41.8(24.7)	7.09(3.72)	11.06(6.87)	2.7(2.7)	—	5.5(51.25)
Keep Inv. (F)	—(—)	0.01(0.099)	0.8(0.52)	0.2(0.02)	21/5	0.39(0.39)
S Miller (F)	16.2(16.9)	0.7a(0.05)	028a(8.75)	—(0.8)	—	—(1.4)
N.B.Can. Inv. (F)	—(—	0.8d(0.58d)	5.51(5.43)	3.3(3)	—	5.1(4.8)
Sharna Ware (F)	17.3(15.8)	0.54(0.39)	19.1(23.4)	2(2)	—	3.4(3.4)
Sunbeam Wolsey (F)	24.1(22.01)	0.67(0.32)	6.4(4.0)	3(2)	—	3(2)
Suter (F)	45b(4.19c)	0.57b(0.44c)	2.8b(6.7c)	1(—)	7/6	1(0.2)
W.A.Tyzack (I)	2.24(2.38)	0.08a(0.12a)	1.2a(1.1a)	—(—)	—	—(0.4)
Tharsis (F)	4.89(3.77)	0.38(0.29)	12.1(11.4)	2.5(2)	—	2.5(2)
Ulster TV	5.3(4.37)	0.39(0.33)	7.9(7)	3.3(3)	—(6)	
E.Upton (F)	5.9(5.44)	0.14a(0.05a)	—(—)	—(0.5)	—	—(0.5)

Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross multiply the net dividend by 1.428. Profits are shown pretax and earnings are net. a=Loss. b=For 19 months; c=For 14 months; d=Gross revenue.

OVERSEAS COMPANIES

Itel Corp, has announced that 1981 revenue was $190.5m down from $207m in 1980.

Itel expects revenue to remain at a reduced level in 1982 because of continuing weakness in the United States and world economic conditions which affect markets served by the company's container and rail equipment leasing businesses.

Itel is operating as debtor-in-possession under chapter 11 of the bankruptcy code while management seeks to reorganise the company.

The company reports that its interest expense decreased from $154.7m in 1980 to $52.6m in 1981 because interest on virtually all of its unsecured debt stopped accruing as a result of the company filing a voluntary petition for reorganization under the bankruptcy code on January 19, 1981.

International Harvester has told its credifors that it expects to report a loss of at least $518m this year and technically will be in default on its $42,000m loan agreement by the end of this month.

A Harvester banker said these disclosures were made in private reports to creditors over the past two months.

Wheelcock Morden & Co had its 1981 consolidated net profit of $HK534.95m (about £53.495m) ($HK153.89m in nine months to end-1980).

These were extraordinary profits $HK165.47m and an urealised net exchange gain $HK5.36m making total net attributable group profit $HK705.79m ($HK328.13m in nine months).

BIDS AND DEALS

The £50m sale of Fisons agricultural fertiliser division to Norsk-Hydro As will not be referred to the Monoplies Commission, the Trade Department said.

Agreement has been reached for the purchase by Thomas Locker (Holdings) from Butterfield-Harvey of the 50 per cent of shares held by Butterfield-Harvey in Associated Perforators and Weavers. The purchase price is £558,000 cash.

Glynwed and British Steel have agreed in principle to terms on which BSC will acquire the Cashmores General Steels divi-sion of Glynwed Steel Stockholding.

WALL STREET

Wall Street and Canadian prices are not included in today's paper because of pressure on space. We apologise for this.

Unit Trust Prices — change on the week

This table is published on Wednesday and Saturday—FT index change on week 571.0+13.3 (2.38%)

Prev W'end Offer	Ch'ge on Week	Trust	Current Bid	Current Offer	Yield
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IN BRIEF

Maximum award for Dutch

By Barry Pickthall

With Alain Gabbay and his hungry French crew aboard Charles Heidsieck III not due at the Portsmouth finish of the Whitbread Round the World race until today, Cornelis van Rietschoten, skipper of the 76ft Dutch maxi Flyer is assured of the Whitbread Trophy for the best handicap time.

The Dutch yacht, which completed the 27,000 mile course on Monday to win the elapsed honours in record time, had to give the smaller French yacht 91 hours, 55 minutes to win the double which she would have done with a day to spare.

Kriter IV skippered by Andre Viant, is expected to finish later today, ahead of the 77ft British entry United Friendly, to take third third place on handicap.

The aging United Friendly, formerly Great Britain II and pevious record holder for the circumnavigation, has not performed as well as expected, but her crew have had the consolation of being the first British yacht home.

New look for Cardiff stadium

Major ground development plans by the Welsh Rugby Union and Glamorgan County Cricket Club have been approved. The Welsh Rugby Union are reconstructing the National Stadium at an estimated cost of £5m.

The work is due for completion by January 1984, and will increase the stadium's capacity to 62,561, of which 32,811 will be seated.

Half a mile away, £250,000 is to be spent on improvements at Sophia Gardens, the home of Glamorgan Cricket Club. This will involve new offices, coaching facilities, changing rooms and a gymnasium.

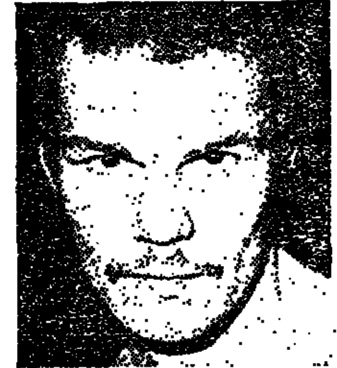
Borg takes set to find rhythm

Monte Carlo, April 2. — Bjorn Borg beat Paolo Bertolucci, of Italy, 7-5, 6-0 here today in his comeback after a five months' break. In the first set of his first qualifying round match in the Monte Carlo Grand Prix tournament, Borg had difficulty getting into a good rhythm but then there was no looking back.

Also in Monte Carlo, the controllers on men's tennis, the Men's International Professional Tennis Council (MIPTC) are meeting this weekend to discuss demands from the players who are represented by the Association of Tennis Players (ATP). The players have presented the MIPTC with a list of demands including four main points, which the council have so far strongly resisted.

The ITP are demanding 15 per cent of the television rights from each tournament; a contribution to the ATP for each Grand Prix (depending on the prize money); total control of the code of conduct and an end to the system whereby players are designated by the council to appear in certain events. — Agency.

Feeney stopped by Ferreri



Sydney, April 2 — John Feeney, of Britain, above, failed in his challenge for the commonwealth bantamweight title today when he was stopped in the 13th round by Paul Ferreri, of Australia.

Feeney, who carried the attack to Ferreri in the early rounds, started to tire from the 11th. Ferreri began moving forward and landed a succession of telling punches in the 12th round. Ferreri will now try to negotiate a world title fight against World Boxing Council champion Lupe Pinton. — Reuter.

Ticket sale for World Cup

Madrid. — Tickets for World Cup matches will go on sale to the public in Spain on May 19.

The organizing committee have so far released few details of sale arrangements for fear of forgery and touting, but the most likely points of sale will be at stadiums where world cup matches are played.

TICKET PRICES: Grandstand: First round, £5.00, second round, £14.00; semi-finals, £20.00; final: £22.50. Sidestand: £4.50; £11.50; £14.50; £17.50. Behind goals (first floor): £3.50; £9.50, £11.50, £15.00. Second floor: £3.50, £7.00; £9.00; £11.50. Standing: £1.75; £3.00; £3.75; £4.50. Children under 15 (Standing): £0.65; £1.20, £1.20; £1.20 — Agence France Presse.

Beckenbauer to stay in hospital

Franz Beckenbauer, West Germany's former captain, who was accidentally kicked in the back by his Hamburg team colleague Horst Hrubesch during Wednesday's 1-1 draw with Stuttgart, has lacerated kidneys which will keep him in hospital for three weeks.

The latest injury suffered by Beckenbauer virtually ends speculation that he will be recalled to the German team for the World Cup finals. — Reuter.

Titles at stake

The world middleweight champion Marvin Hagler will defend his title against the former welterweight world champion Thomas Hearns on May 24 in Windsor, Canada.

Correction

Flyer, the first yacht home in the Round the World race, broke a record held by Rob James, not Chay Blyth, as stated on March 30. The raid in the Medway mentioned in the later editions was by De Ruyter in the seventeenth century.

FOOTBALL: FA CUP PREVIEW

Ardiles can provide perfect parting gift

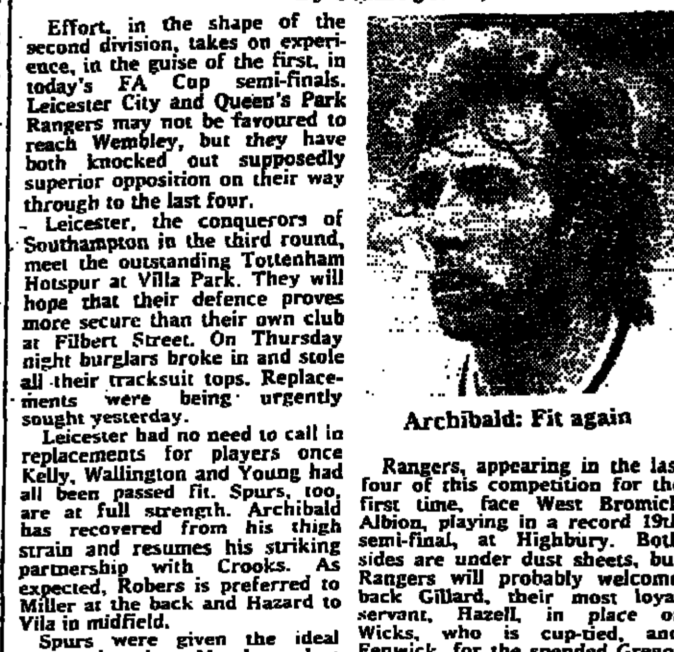
By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

Effort, in the shape of the second division, takes on experience, in the guise of the first, in today's FA Cup semi-finals. Leicester City and Queen's Park Rangers may not be favoured to reach Wembley, but they have both knocked out supposedly superior opposition on their way through to the last four.

Leicester, the conquerors of Southampton in the third round, meet the outstanding Tottenham Hotspur at Villa Park. They will hope that their defence proves more secure than their own club at Filbert Street. On Thursday night burglars broke in and stole all their tracksuit tops. Replacements were being urgently sought yesterday.

Leicester had no need to call in replacements for players once Kelly, Wallington and Young had all been passed fit. Spurs, too, are at full strength. Archibald has recovered from his thigh strain and resumes his striking partnership with Crooks. As expected, Robers is preferred to Miller at the back and Hazard to Vila in midfield.

Spurs were given the ideal preparation last Monday when they came back to draw against Arsenal, a side as combative and as energetic as Leicester, who won both League meetings against Spurs last season. It will be a surprise if they triumph again, though Ardiles, who flies to Argentina tomorrow, and Hoddle are likely to see to that.



Archibald: Fit again

Rangers, appearing in the last four of this competition for the first time, face West Bromich Albion, playing in a record 19th semi-final, at Highbury. Both sides are under dust sheets, but Rangers will probably welcome back Gillard, their most loyal servant, Hazell, in place of Wicks, who is cup-tied, and Fenwick, for the spended Gregory.

Currie could be the midfield key here, but Allen has a special reason for unlocking West Bromwich's defence for he will be playing on the ground of the club that rejected him without giving him a single competitive game. His father, Les, played in Rangers' League Cup victory over West Bromwich 15 years ago, as well as in Tottenham's triumphant side in 1961. His cousin, Paul, also became the youngest Wembley finalist two years ago.

Statham returns for West Bromwich, but Ronnie Allen, their manager, who scored twice for them in the 1954 final, has yet to choose between Mackenzie and Zondervan, and on a partner for Regis. Cross and Brown have each scored only three goals this season; Regis has collected 22 and threatens to go on carrying his colleagues all the way to Wembley itself.

Coventry City may continue to rewrite the championship story. In the past few weeks they brought Swansea City, Manchester United and Arsenal to a full stop. Today they visit Ipswich Town, still without Mariner and Butcher, but whose run of three wins has promoted them up the amended list of favourites.

Manchester United and Arsenal must win at Leeds United and Wolverhampton Wanderers respectively to sustain their challenges, but nowhere is the need for three points greater than at Roker Park. Middlesbrough have not won away this season but if they lose the 100th meeting with Sunderland, their scouts might as well start examining second division opposition.

Liverpool hang on to go top

By Leslie Duxbury

Liverpool 1
Notts Co 0

The auguries were immediately favourable for a Liverpool team hoping to leap to the top of the league, in that County's giant though precise centreback, Kilcline saw rather more of the ball than was good for his nerves. Johnson, the Merseyside's ebullient striker popped up under Avramovic's nose like some malevolent demon.

But just to show that they are capable of human weaknesses they allowed McCulloch, Chiedozie and McParland to put together three accurate exchanges which dismayed and destroyed the first of many glimpses of County's ability to move the ball with a sharp and penetrating fluency.

Those early smiling portents suddenly seem to have been false friends as Kilcline and company seemed less and less in extremis and more and more in control.

Then in the 60th minute all that prodigious Liverpool expenditure of energy and will bore its inevitable fruit. Whelan won the ball from McParland, passed to Lawrenson, who maintained the rhythm with a gorgeous ball into the path of a sprinting Dalglish. He shook off the challenge of Richards and looped his shot over Avramovic and into the net.

This Liverpool victory takes them to the top of the league for the first time this season and hardens the suspicion that they will eventually win it. County, although always hard-pressed, countered with resolution and no little skill at times.

LIVERPOOL: B Grobbelaar, P Neal, M Lawrenson, A Kennedy, R Whelan, P Thompson, R Dalglish, S Lee, I Rush, T McDermott, D Johnson. Substitute: C Johnston.

NOTTS COUNTY: R Avramovic, T Benjamin, R O'Brien, M Goodwin, B Kilcline, P Richards, I McParland, R Harkouk, I McCulloch, J Chiedozie, G Mair. Substitute: D Hunt.

Referee: J Hough (Macclesfield).

RUGBY UNION

Leicester marching towards fifth final

By Peter West, Rugby Correspondent

Whatever happens in the John Player Cup semi-final this afternoon one of the leading Midlands clubs will be contesting the last round at Twickenham on May 1. If Coventry manage to beat Gloucester at Coundon Road, there will be two.

It is easier to predict the outcome at the Reddings, where a young and improving Moseley side which has won its last eight matches, may have got as for as their present talents deserve. One must take a full strength Leicester team to register their 19th successive cup victory and to march through to their fifth final in a row.

This tie brings together the finalists of 1979, when Leicester beat Moseley to put their hands on the trophy for the first time. One of Moseley's leading try scorers, Alan Thomas, failed a fitness test yesterday on a muscle injury and will be replaced by Richard Lawson.

The encounter at Coundon Road matches two famous clubs, each of which has won the knockout competition twice — Coventry in 1973 and 1974, Gloucester in 1972 and 1978. Coventry rue the absence of their injured England full-back, Marcus Rose, but are able to switch Peter Rossborough to his old position where he will be opposed by another erstwhile international, Peter Butler, recalled by Gloucester to kick their goals.

A lot may hang on whether Coventry can prove that their rediscovered forward strength is enough to hold Gloucester in check, and whether Huw Davies, a man for the big occasion, has one of his best days at stand-off. Given satisfactory answers, Coventry certainly seem capable of making it a home win.

Nigel Melville, the Wasps and England B scrum-half, has fractured a wrist and will be out of the game for a month. But he will be fit for England's summer tour.

Derek Wyatt, that gifted and unorthodox wing from Bedford, Bath, Oxford University and England, officially retires today on the occasion of a players' reunion at the Bedford-Cardiff game. Tomorrow Blackheath defend their tital at the Sevenoaks sevens, the entries for which include Cambridge and Durham universities.

Japan bring new power

By Steve Elliott

Japan Schools were easily the most impressive of five foreign teams at the fourth all-England schools rugby festival yesterday.

The festival is being held at Preston Grasshopers club and is sponsored by the Bolton-based Townson Construction Group. It got off to an excellent start in bright sunshine, with the 32 competing teams playing off in eight groups of four.

When Japan last competed in the festival, their team was small, fast, and inventive. They are still commendably fast and creative but their side this year contains some very solid characters, including their large lineout man Kurihara. Outstanding is the darting scrum-half Kodama.

Cowley school had little difficulty in qualifying among today's 16 teams and in Aspinall, their highly talented England centre, seem to have one of the festival's outstanding players. Lancaster GS, West Park HS, Arnold School and King's Tynemouth, all have realistic chances of success.

Apart from Cowley, West Park, spearheaded by K Simms at the centre, perhaps possess the most exciting set of backs on view. However, their pack, despite the excellence of R McGrath at lock, may well struggle when they meet a pack as powerful as the Japanese.

Another "dark horse" team that could easily spring surprises is Lancaster Grammar School. In their tall number eight, Catlow, they possess an excellent forward, and behind their sound scrum, is a lively set of backs in which Lamb, on the wing, is outstanding.

□ A London Scottish Under-23 squad left yesterday for Yugoslavia for a three match tour which will include a game against the Yugoslav nationalside. Two Scotland Under-21 international half backs, Don Mitchell and Greg Eadie, are in the party

GOLF

Watson heads for Masters

From John Ballantine, Greensboro, April 2

Denis Watson, the 26-year-old Rhodesian now playing out of Johannesburg, came to the fore in the second round of the Greensboro Open here today.

Watson, who revived interest in post-Gary Player South African golf when losing a thrilling play-off in the Bay Hill Classic last month, makes no secret of the fact that he would dearly like to play for the first time in the United States Master next week. To do so he will have to win here and he certainly put himself into a fine position when he scored a seven under par 65. This put him one stroke in front of the overnight leader Danny Edwards, the 1977 winner, who came in with 72 for 138.

For Britons, the important question was whether Peter Oosterhuis, whose putting was back to his old razor-edged sharpness in his 67 yesterday, could produce another fine card. Like Nick Faldo, who scored a first round 75 and was facing the cut unless he could beat par, Oosterhuis went out with the forecasters predicting rain.

Watson, one of five South Africans competing here, narrowly missed making the top 60 on the European tour in 1979, but in 1980 finished in the top 20 in six of his 16 tournaments. He qualified for the United States tour last spring and won a creditable $49,153 in his first season here.

He now stands 34th on this year's money list with $36,680, thanks mainly to his sterling play at Bay Hill. Watson suffers severely from hay fever. He took an allergy pill yesterday and said he felt "very whoozy". Today he did not and he put his seven birdies down to his extra sharpness.

FIRST ROUND LEADERS (US unless stated): 66: K Fergus, Danny Edwards; 67: G Cadle, P Oosterhuis (GB); 68: David Edwards; 69: W Rogers, M Sullivan, P McGowan, M Pfeil, B Crenshaw, J Cudd, Y Hagawa (Japan), R Clampett, L Wadkins, D Black. Other scores included: 71: I Aoki (Japan); 72: G Player (SA); 73: R Shearer (Australia); 75: N Faldo (GB).

SECOND ROUND (early scores): 137: D Watson (South Africa), 72, 65; 138: Danny Edwards, 66, 72; 139: H Sutton, 70, 69, 140: W Blackburn, 70, 70.

Denis Watson

Etonians have to be on their best behaviour

By Peter Ryde

Oundle were denied the distinction of beating Harrow and Eton in consecutive rounds at Deal yesterday, but the Etonians had to be on their best behaviour to win. It was not so much that the score was close — a score of 4-1 can mean anything here this week — but the quality of the golf.

This was specially true of their bottom match in which the Eton captain, C. S. Martyne combined so sell with B. C. Critchley that they were round in 71 and yet won only on the last green against the heroes of Oundle's victory over Harrow, D. E. Simons and the former Scottish Rugby international, W. G. MacDonald.

Some of Critchley's strokes, including a wood down the flag at the 13th, recalled the best of his Walker Cup days and his partner is well versed in the art of foursomes. Eton look a real force this year. J. Marquez, who is rated second only to J. Lopez in Spanish amateur ranks, and who accompanied Ballesteros to Australia in the winter has quickly settled down here in a strange environment.

With R. G. Hurst and D. Montague who is back from Texas, in the middle order, they have at least three outstanding pairs. It was by a matter os seconds that N. J. Angus and P. Breeden contributed the winning point with a four at the 20th against two Old Blues, R. D. Christian and N. Copestick.

DEAL: First round: Marlborough 3½, Eastbourne 1½; Lancing 3½, Clifton 1½. Second round: Malvern 3, Rugby 2; Merchiston 4½, Wellington ½; Sherborne 3, Cheltenham 2; Radley 4, Greshams 1; Dulwich 3, Bradfield 2; Shrewsbury 5, Downside 0; Eton 4, Oundle 1, Marlborough 4, Lancing 1. Third round: Radley 4½, Sherborne ½.

SANDWICH: First round: Cranleigh 3½, Ampleforth 1½; Charterhouse 4½, King's Canterbury ½; Merchant Taylor's 3½, Wrekin 1½; Glenalmond 4, King Edward's Birmingham 1. Second round: Highgate 3, Taunton 2; Uppingham 5, Forest 0; Repton 4, Winchester 1; Wellingborough 4, Edinburgh Academy 1; Charterhouse 4½, Cranleigh ½, Loretto 3½, Bedford 1½; Tonbridge 5, Mill Hill 0; Glenalmond 3, King Edward's Birmingham 2.

SQUASH

Dramatic victory for Miss Opie

By Richard Eaton

The British Open Championships, sponsored by Audi, moved the women's event to the Churchill Theatre for the first time at Bromley and that nearly brought about the dramatic exit of Lisa Opie in the third round yesterday.

Miss Opie, who became a much celebrated British closed champion at the age of 18 this season, foud herself two games down to Jayne Ashton, ranked only sixth in England but last week at Chichester the sensational winner against the world champion Rhonda Thorne. Unlike Mrs Thorne, Miss Opie had the character to escape against an opponent who plays at a higher pace since training with the former international athlete Pat Cropper. She eventually won 7-9, 7-9, 9-0, 9-5, 9-0.

Miss Opie is being whispered as capable of ending 20 years of Australian title-holders, which made it a little surprising that the advice she was receiving between games came from an Australian, Barbara Oldfield.

It seemed to be good advice too. From the third game Miss Opie adapted herself. She took more time, slowed the match down, and played more drop shots. Once she had won that game the crisis evaporated rapidly. It had been nevertheless a crisis. Three times Miss Opie buried her face in her hands on the wall as Miss Ashton hustled her into errors. There were cries like a starving seagull that indicated her distress. And there was a heavy collision and a tumble, and later a forehand from Miss Ashton that caused a bruise on the thigh that could be seen from the back row of the circle. Miss Opie did well to survive it all.

MEN'S SINGLES: second round: M Awad (Egypt) beat C Blackwood (New Zealand) 3-9, 9-0, 9-8; H Jahan (Pakistan) beat M Helal (Egypt) 9-0, 9-1, 9-2. Third round: J Khan (Pakistan) beat G Alauddin (Pakistan) 9-4, 9-1, 9-1, R —Norman (New Zealand) beat S Quaise (Pakistan) 4-9, 9-4, 9-6, 9-4.

WOMEN'S SINGLES: Second round: C Clonda (Australia) beat R Aucamp (South Africa) 9-7, 9-2, 9-5. Third round: L Opie (Guernsey) beat J Ashton (England) 7-9, 7-9, 9-5, 9-0, 9-5.

SPEEDSKATING

ALMA ATA: combined distance: V Chacherin (USSR) 162.312 pts. (world record).

RUGBY LEAGUE

Glory beckons old guard

By Keith Macklin

If Alan Smith, the veteran international right-winger, plays as expected in the Leeds team against Widnes at Swinton today, he and his equally venerable partner, John Atkinson, on the left-wing, will have a combined age of 73. Smith is 38, Atkinson 35, and between them they have 36 Great Britain caps. These are not mere glib statistics.

A full review of the honours won by today's Challenge Cup semi finalists would fill two columns. Both teams bristle with international and Cup winning experiecnce, and both teams have got so used to winning trophies that victory this afternoon might, to some players, seem a mere formality.

However, the pot of gold and Wembley at the end of the rainbow, will bring out the best in Leeds, who are looking for a 16th successive season of winning of least one trophy, and Widnes, pursuing their sixth Wembley final in eight seasons. It will be a fiercely fought, skilful match and I have a sneaking hunch that the great Cup fighters of Leeds will just edge out the great Cup fighters of Widnes.

Tough challenge for East

East, the holders, face a strong challenge from South and Midlands in the junior divisional tournament to be held today and tomorrow at the Norwich Union sports grounds, Norwich, Sydney Friskin writes. West, North and Combined Services are in the other group, the winners of each qualifying for tomorrow's final.

The South League play-offs take place tomorrow at the Truman Sports Ground, Walthamstow.

SHOW JUMPING

Tyteca's prize chestnut

By Pamela Macgregor-Morris

Ferdi Tyteca, fresh from organizing his own international show in Antwerp, became the first foreign winner of the week at the Birmingham International Show Jumping Championship on Thursday night on his brilliant little chestnut, T'Soulaky.

Nine horses qualified for the final of the Seiko Time Stakes and the other Europenan challenger, Norbert Koof on Fire for West Germany, set a clear round target in 31.7 seconds before Malcom Pyrah pulled off what could have been the winning round in 30.5 seconds on Towerlands Anglezarke.

The Belgian horse then went the shortest way and cut the time to 29.2 leaving Harvey Smith to take Snyo Technology into second pace in 29.8.

Seven local hunts and the historical Piccadilly pack, who travelled to London from all over the country as a gesture to ensure the future of fox hunting in 1949, took part in a lively class for hunt teams yesterday.

The Atherstone, who also produced the winner of the Aintree Fox hunters Chase, Lone Soldier, on Thursday, won from the Croome and West Warwickshire. And the Grafton finished third under their Master, Colonel Rodney Ward.

Everest sponsored yesterday's competitions, the first of which went to Lion Dunning on San Francisco. A double of gates and the final quadruple combination kept the clear rounds down to five. Dunning initiated the jump-off in the winning 38.4 seconds, despite a slip-up on the flat after speeding through the finish.

SEIKO TIME STAKES: 1, T'Soulaky (Ferdi Tyteca, Belgium) no faults, 29.2 sec; 2, Sanyo Technology (H Smith) 29.8; 3, Towerlands Anglezarke (M Pyrah) 30.5; 4, Sunorra (S Hadley) 31.0.

EVEREST INTERNATIONAL: 1, San Francisco (L Dunning) clear, 38.4; 2, Schneider Trendsetter (G. Fletcher) clear, 40.6, 3, Towerlands Chain Bridge (M. Pyrah) 4 faults, 31.3

SKIING

Triple success for Germans

By a Special Correspondent

It was a clean sweep for West Germany in yesterday's women's slalom, the final event in the British Alpine chmapionships, sponsored by Peter Stuyvesant. The winner was Heidi Weisler, who repeated her giant slalom success of Tuesday, five seconds ahead of two West Germans, Monika Henkel and Sonje Stotz in joint second place.

The best British performance was by 18-year-old Leslie Beck, from Dumbarton. She was less than a second behing Miss Stotz, despite having a leg strapped because of a ligament injury. Two other British girls, Andrea Jochum and Clare Booth, were sixth and seventh respectively, behind the Netherlands' Katusha Esser in fifth.

Like the men's race on Thursday, there was a spate of fallers on the opening run, the first five competitors all coming to grief.

Miss Wisler thus repeats her performance of four years ago when on her first visit to these championships she became the British women's champion. Miss Jochum won the national title.

RESULTS: WOMEN'S SLALOM: 1, H Weisler, 49.01 and 48.48. Total: 97.49 sec. 2, equal, M Henkel 52.61 and 49.77; 102.38; S Stotz 54.12 and 48.26; 102.38 sec. 4, L Beck 52.66 and 50.65; 103.31 5, K Esser 54.66 and 49.87; 104.53, 6, a Jochum 54.38 and 52.33; 106.71. COMBINED RESULTS: 1, Weislor; 2, Esser; 3, Jochum. British placings: 1, Jochum; 2, Robb; 3, S Harrison.

MOTOR RACING

Piquet aims for the top

Long Beach, California, April 2 — Nelson Piquet, the world champion and Keke Rosberg of Finland, start favourites to win the United States West Coast Formula One Grand Prix here tomorrow.

Piquet, who won the Brazil Grand Prix last month, will be aiming to topple renault's Alain Prost from the top of the championship standings. Rosberg, for Williams, will be under more pressure to show he can take the place of Alan Jones and former teammate Carlos Reutemann.

Rosberg, whose talent and determination had in the past been hampered by low budget cars, has prospered since joining Williams this year. He started the season with fifth place in the South African Grand Prix and finish second in Brazil.

His teammate in Sunday's face will be Marior Andretti filling in for Reutemann, who announced his retirement last weekend. The Italian-born Andretti is not to be descounted here. He won on this circuit in 1977 to become the first U.S. citizen to triumph in a grand prix on American soil.

Prost, who heads the championship on 14 points after winning the South Africa and finishing third in Brazil, will be put to the test over a circuit that has never favoured the turbos.

In unofficial trials earlier this week at Willow Springs, north of Los Angeles, Prost developed engine troubles similar to those he suffered in Brazil. But the team director, Gerard Larrouse, said that Renault's problem was not so much the winding long beach course as the turbo's weight handicap caused by their larger fuel demands. — Agence France-Presse.

Challenge from Cuba

The Champions All gymnastics tournament at Wembley Arena today, sponsored by the *Daily Mirror*, will have Cuban competitors for the first time.

This has not been for want of trying, as the British Amateur Gymnastics Association has frequently asked Cuba to participate in international competitions but without success. However, for today's competition the Cubans have sent their two national champions.

BOWLS

Bryant stays on course

By Gordon Allan

The pairs final of the English indoor bowling championships, sponsored by Lombard North Central, will be contested by Clevedon and York, with all four players internationals.

The pairs is one of the few that David Bryant has never won. He and David Rhys-Jones always seemed to have matters in hand for Clevedon against George Hayward and Charlie Chambers. The lead's part is particularly influential in pairs, and Rhys-Jones gave Bryant good support.

Towards the finish Hayward had to fire and fire again in the forlorn hope of bringing Paddington back into the match. The same was true of his namesake, Wally Hayward, in the other semi-final. On one end he fired — and missed — with all four woods and York collected four shots: to go 22-15 up.

In the triples, Tony Alcock moved a stage further, but another England man, Pip Branfield, lost.

Brian Howes, of Norfolk and Norwich, lost his second consecutive singles final on Thursday night. He was beaten 21-19 by Tunbridge Wells' Mike Luker.

RESULTS: Pairs, semi-final: York (D Cutler, J Ashman) 29; Preston (D Ovett, W Hayward) 18; Clevedon (D Rhys-Jones, D Bryant) 23; Paddington (C Chambers, G Hayward) 11.

Triples: 2nd rnd: Cotswold (A Alcock) 24; Plymouth (D Jewell) 12; Isis (G Harrington) 22; Cambridge Park (W Richards) 14; Stour (L Shoobridge) 30; Lincoln (Lockey) 8; York (M Parker) 30, Cheshunt (M Mezen) 8; Stanley (R Dawson) 21, Clevedon (P Branfield) 12; Cumbria (A White) 18; Bristol (H Bennett) 17, Atherley (A Knudness) 19; Victory (W Charles) 14; Greenwich (R Cain) 19, Chesterton (D Howells) 18.

Boost for oarsmen

After their council meeting this week the Amateur Rowing Association announced that the budget for international rowing in 1982 had reached £200,000 for the first time, despite a restricted programme of international regattas, Richard Burnell writes. Of this sum, £25,000 comes from the National Westminster Bank sponsorship of the men's squad, and £20,000 from British Home Stores for the women. Mobil sponsorship of the lightweights is as yet unspecified. The rest comes from the Sports Council, and individual oarsmen and women

FOR THE RECORD

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION: Houston Rockets 104, Golden State Warriors 101; Dallas Mavericks 121, Detroit Pistons 120; New York Knicks 111, Cleveland Cavaliers 110; Milwaukee Bucks 117, Atlanta Hawks 113; Portland Trail Blazers 109, San Antonio Spurs 105; Los Angeles Lakers 117, San Diego Clippers 100.

TENNIS

FRANKFURT: Grand prix tournament: Men's singles: third round: I Lendl (Czechoslovakia) beat J Soares (Brazil), 6-3, 6-3; P McNamara (Australia) beat Manson (US), 1-6, 6-4, 6-1; B Gottfried (US) beat U Pinner (WG), 6-0, 6-1. Doubles: first round: M Doyle (US) and S Sorensen (Ireland) beat I Lendl and V Zednik (Czechoslovakia), 3-6, 6-4, 7-6; R Frawley (Australia) and C Hooper (US) beat L Davidson (US) and Z Kuharzky (Hungary), 6-2, 6-7, 6-3; P Slozil and T Smid (Czechoslovakia) beat Ha Theissen and S Zielen (WG), 6-3, 6-2; S Denton (US) and Ma Edmondson (Australia) beat J Norback and M Wilander (Sweden), 6-4, 6-4; T Giammalva and T Mayotte (US) beat T Gullikson (US) and A Pattison (SA), 6-2, 7-6; B Teacher and B Manson (US) beat C Edwards (US) and L Palin (Finland), 6-4, 6-4.

ZURICH: WCT tournament: Second round: K Curren (SA) beat R Stadler (Switzerland), 6-3, 6-0; W Scanlon (US) beat W Fibak (Poland), 3-6, 7-6, 6-4; C Barazzutti (Italy) beat N Saviano (US), 6-7, 6-4, 6-4; G Vilas (Argentina) beat T Gullickson (US), 6-2, 6-3.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Quebec Nordiques 8, Boston Bruins 5; Philadelphia Flyers 3, New York Islanders 3; Calgary Flames 11, Colorado Rockies 0.

BOXING

SYDNEY: Middleweight: 8rds: S Dennis beat T Britton (GB), pts.

GOLF

GABORONE (Botswana): Kalahari Diamond Classic: second round (GB unless stated): 138: R Chapman (69, 69); 139: R Craig (69, 70); 140: D Jagger (70, 70), P Tupling (70, 70); 141: B Mitchell (69, 72), J Morgan (70, 71); 142: P Cowen (72, 70); 143: S Bishop (75, 68), M Inglis (73, 70), I Woosnam (71, 72), D Thorpe (71, 72); 144: D Vaughan (72, 72), M Lanner (Sweden) (67, 77); 145: G Mason (75, 7?), P Tembo (Zambia) (71, 74), B Longmuir (74, 71), C Maltman (72, 73); 146: D Hunter (72, 74) P Berry (74, 72, T Charnley (75, 71).

PALM SPRINGS: LPGA tournament (US unless stated): 71: K O'Brien (35,36), L Garbacz (35,36); 72: B Daniel (36,36), B Bryant (34,38), P Bradley (35,37); 73: C Morse (5,38), S Haynie (35,38), H Stacy (35,38), J Carner (38,35), D Caponi (37,36), C Sherk (Canada), (37,36). Other foreign scores: 74: T Ohsako (Japan) (34,40); 75: A Okamoto (Japan) (36,39); 76: S Little (SA) (37,39), J Stephenson (Australia) (40,36), MJ Smith (NZ) (38,38); 78: S Bertolaccini (Argentina) (38,40).

JAKARTA: Indonesian Open: second round (US unless stated): 140: R Arinno (69,71), D Hepler (71,69), J McGough (71,69); 141: E Nival (Philippines) (69,72). 142: J Hamarik (71,71), J Paschal (69,73), R Stewart (Canada) (71,71). 143: G Sherhan (Australia) (71,72), J Gonzales (Brazil) (74,69), Liao Kuo Chin (Taiwan) (70,73), J Sisman (70,73).

CURLING

GARMISCH-PARTENKIRCHEN: Men's world championships: Italy 5, Canada 4; West Germany 8, France 3; Scotland 6, US 5; Denmark 7, Sweden 6, Switzerland 5, Norway 3

LAST NIGHT'S RESULTS

FIRST DIVISION: Liverpool 1, Notts County 0
SECOND DIVISION: Barnsley 3, Rotherham 0.
THIRD DIVISION: Plymouth 1, Newport 2.
FOURTH DIVISION: Halifax 4, Stockport 1, Scunthorpe 2, Colchester 1; Wigan 4, York 2.
ALLIANCE PREMIER LEAGUE: Enfield 1 Altrincham 1.

WEEKEND FIXTURES

Kick-off 3.0 unless stated.

F.A. CUP

Q.P. Rangers v West Brom. (at Arsenal)
Tottenham H. v Leicester (at Aston Villa)

First division

Brighton v Southampton
Ipswich v Coventry
Leeds v Manchester Utd
Manchester City v West Ham
Nottm. Forest v Everton
Sunderland v Middlesbrough
Wolverhampton v Arsenal

Second division

Bolton v Shrewsbury
Cambridge Utd. v Norwich
Cardiff v Watford
Charlton v Newcastle
Chelsea v Oldham
Crystal Palace v Grimsby
Luton v Blackburn
Wrexham v Derby

Third division

Brentford v Oxford Utd
Bristol Rovers v Millwall
Burnley v Reading
Carlisle v Portsmouth
Chesterfield v Lincoln
Doncaster v Gillingham
Exeter v Chester
Preston NE v Wimbledon
Southend v Bristol City
Swindon v Huddersfield
Walsall v Fulham

Fourth division

Aldershot v Port Vale
Bournemouth v Blackpool
Bradford C v Tranmere
Hull City v Hereford
Northampton v Hartlepool
Peterborough v Bury
Rochdale v Mansfield
Sheffield Utd v Torquay

Scottish Cup: Semi-finals

Aberdeen v St. Mirren (at Celtic).
Rangers v Forfar (at Queen's Pk)

Scottish premier division

Airdrie v Hibernian
Dundee v Dundee Utd
Morton v Celtic

Scottish first division

Dumbarton v Raith Rovers
Dunfermline v Ayr
E Stirlingshire v Motherwell
Hamilton v Queen's Park
Hearts v St. Johnstone
Kilmarnock v Clydebank
Queen of Sth v Falkirk

Scottish second division

Berwick v Arbroath
Clyde v Brechin
East Fife v Alloa
Meadowbank v Stranraer
Montrose v Stirling Alb
Stenhousemuir v Cowdenbeath

ALLIANCE PREMIER LEAGUE: A P Leamington v Runcorn; Bath v Dartford; Boston United v Enfield; Dagenham v Frickley; Gravesend v Scarborough, Kettering v Weymouth; Maidstone v Altrincham; Northwich Victoria v Barnet; Telford United v Worcester; Trowbridge v Barrow; Yeovil v Stafford Rangers. SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Midland division: Alvechurch v Enderby Town; Banbury v Stourbridge; Barry v Kidderminster; Bedford v Merthyr Tydfil, Bedworth v Minehead; Cheltenham v Bridgend; Bromsgrove v Redditch; Gloucester v Milton Keynes; Taunton v Corby; Wellingborough v Cambridge City, Witney Town v Nuneaton. Southern division: Andover v Waterlooville; Ashford v Fareham Town, Aylesbury v Tonbridge, Chelmsford v Basingstoke; Crawley v Dorchester; Folkestone v Canterbury; Gosport v Addlestone and Weybridge; Hastings v Salisbury: Hillingdon v Dover; Poole v Dunstable; Thanet United v Hounslow; Welling United v Wealdstone.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Burton Albion v Macclesfield; Gainsborough v Oswestry; Gateshead v Tamworth; Grantham v Morecambe, Lancaster v Buxton; Marine v Mossley; Netherfield v King's Lynn; Workington v Matlock; Worksop v Goole. CENTRAL LEAGUE: Blackburn Rovers v Aston Villa; Blackpool v Preston North End (2.0); Bury v Leeds United (3.15); Derby County v Wolverhampton Wanderers (2.0); Everton v Nottingham Forest (2.0); Huddersfield Town v Manchester City (2.0); Newcastle United v Manchester United (2.0); Sheffield Wednesday v Liverpool; West Bromwich Albion v Stoke City (2.0). FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Fulham v Luton Town (11.0); Oxford United v Reading; Southampton v Norwich City; Watford v Birmingham City; West Ham United v Swindon Town (2.0).

MIDLAND LEAGUE: Appleby-Frodingham v Sutton Town; Belper v Mexborough; Boston v Eastwood Town; Brigg Town v Alfreton; Gainsborough v Long Eaton; Ilkeston v Heanor; Shepshed v Ashby; Skegness v Arnold; Spalding v Bridlington.

IRISH LEAGUE: Ards v Coleraine; Ballymena v Bangor; Cliftonville v Glentoran; Glenavon v Distillery; Larne v Portadown; Linfield v Crusaders.

FA VASE: Semi-finals, first leg: Barton Rovers v Rainworth Miners Welfare; Blue Star v Forest Green Rovers.

ARTHUR DUNN CUP: Final: Old Carthusians v Old Malvernians (at Dulwich Hamlet FC).

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Premier Division: Barking v Wycombe (2.30); Billericay v Leatherhead; Boreham Wood v Leytonstone and Ilford; Bromley v Harlow; Croydon v Hendon, Harrow v Sutton United; Hayes v Dulwich Hamlet; Hitchin v Carshalton, Slough v Staines; Tooting and Mitcham v Bishop's Stortford; Walthamstow v Woking. First division: Clapton v Chesham; Farnborough v Hertford; Feltham v Hornchurch; Hampton v Bognor Regis; Kingstonian v Aveley; Lewes v Ware, Maidenhead v Walton and Hersham; Metropolitan Police v Wokingham; St Albans v Epsom and Ewell; Tilbury v Oxford City. Second division: Basildon v Egham; Epping v Windsor and Eton; Finchley v Worthing, Hemel Hempstead v Harwich and Parkeston; Horsham v Cheshunt; Letchworth GC v Hungerford; Molesey v Camberley; Southall v Eastbourne; Tring v Rainham.

SCHOOLS INTERNATIONAL (Under-15): England v Switzerland (York City FC).

ATHENIAN LEAGUE: Banstead v Ruislip Manor; Burnham v Kingsbury; Chalfont St Peter v Chertsey; Fleet v Edgware; Grays v Whyteleafe; Horley v Woodford; Leyton-Wingate v Uxbridge; Marlow v Hoddesdon, Redhill v Haringey Borough

NORTHERN LEAGUE: Whitby v Ferryhill; Evenwood v Ashington; Billingham v Shildon; Crook v Bishop Auckland; Tow Law v Consett; Durham City v Willington; Horden v Penrith, Whitley Bay v South Bank; North Shields v Blyth Spartans; Spennymoor v West Auckland.

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Premier Division: Old Cholmeleians v Old Chigwellians; Old Foresters v Old Brentwoods. First Division: Old Aldenhamians v Old Wykehamists, Old Reptonians v Old Bradfields; Old Westminsters v Old Salopians.

WESTERN LEAGUE: Premier Division: Barnstaple v Weston-super-Mare; Chippenham v Bridport; Devizes v Wellington; Keynsham v Melksham; Liskeard v Clandown; Welton v Saltash.

RUGBY UNION

JOHN PLAYER CUP: Semi-final round Coventry v Gloucester; Moseley v Leicester.

SERVICES TOURNAMENT: Army v RAF (at Twickenham).

CLUB MATCHES: Bath v Newport; Bedford v Cardiff; Broughton Pk v Metropolitan Police, Camborne v Devonport Services; Glamorgan Wdrs v Exeter; Gosforth v Huddersfield, Harlequins v Bristol (at Stoop Mem); Headingley v Northampton; Liverpool v Vale of Lune; Llanelli v Aberavon; London Welsh v Swansea; Lydney v Birmingham, Maesteg v Cross Keys; Newbridge v Ebbw Vale, Northern v Harrogate; Orrell v Morley; Plymouth Alb v Tredegar; Pontypool v Abertillery; Richmond v Neath; Rosslyn Pk v Bridgend, Roundhay v Fylde, St Helens v Waterloo, Saracens v London Scottish, Sheffield v Chester, US Portsmouth v Blackheath; Wakefield v Sale; Wasps v Nottingham; West Hartlepool v London Irish; Wilmslow v Nuneaton

RUGBY LEAGUE: State Express Cup: Semi-final round: Widnes v Leeds (at Swinton, (2.15).

Hockey

MEN'S TOURNAMENT: Junior Divisional (at Norwich Union HC, 10.30).

CLUB MATCHES: Beckenham v Tunbridge Wells; Bedfordshire Eagles v West Herts, Bishop's Stortford v St Albans, Blackheath v Gore Court; Bluehearts v Southgate; Bury St Edmunds v Colchester; Cheam v Metropolitan Police, Cliftonville v Anchorians; East Grinstead v Tulse Hill; Enfield v Eastcote; Hampstead v RAF; Lloyds Bank v Bromley; Surbiton v Old Kingstonians; Teddington v Trojans.

LONDON LEAGUE: Semi-final play-off Slough v Guildford (2.45).

Lacrosse

North of England League: Senior Flags Final Cheadle v Sheffield University (at Stockport LC, Cale Green).

South of England League: Second division Buckhurst Hill v St Helier; Bexleyheath v Hampstead a; Purley A v Beckenham Calthorpe v Lee A.

Tomorrow

Football

FOURTH DIVISION: Darlington v Crewe Alexandra ALLIANCE PREMIER LEAGUE: Runcorn v Barnet NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Buxton v Marine; Southport v Bangor (2.0), S. Liverpool v Burton (5.30); Workington v King's Lynn

Rugby League

FIRST DIVISION: Bradford N. v Featherstone Rovers (3.30); Castleford v Whitehaven (3.30), Fulham v Leigh; St. Helens v Hull K. R. (2.30), Wakefield T. v Wigan (3.30); Warrington v Hull.

SECOND DIVISION: Blackpool B. v Keighley, Dewsbury v Cardiff (3.30); Halifax v Carlisle, Huddersfield v Hunslet (3.30); Huyton v Batley; Rochdale H. v Salford; Swinton v Oldham; Workington L v Doncaster.

Cycling

International 109-mile road race, 11.15 a.m (A.355 road, Beaconsfield, Bucks, 11.15).

Rugby Union

BRISTOL and DISTRICT CUP semi-final Replay: North Bristol v Old Redcliffians.

SEVEN'S TOURNAMENTS: Hertfordshire (at Hertford RFC, 12.30, final, 6.0); Surrey preliminary Round (at Old Whitgiftians RFC, Old Reedonians RFC, Old Wimbledonians RFC, University Vandals RFC, 2.30).

Hockey

TOURNAMENTS Junior divisional (at Norwich Union H.C. 10.30); Suffolk 7-a-sides (Crane, Ipswich); South League play-offs (Truman S.C., Walthamstow) COUNTY MATCH Cambridge v Cambridgeshire U21 (at Cambridge City H.C.) OTHER MATCH Brighton v Sussex Romnants. WOMEN'S TOURNAMENTS: Midland club championship (Rugby H.C.) North club championships (Preston). West club championships Finals (Bath); Ipswich 7-a-sides.

Athletics

Harlow AC Open Meeting

Badminton

Hull Tournament (Hull), Inter-county tournament (Nottingham)

Cross Country

Coombe Gibbet to Overton 16 miles (at Coombe Gibbet, Berkshire).

Rackets

Celestion Open Doubles (Queen's Club, West Kensington)

Squash Rackets

British Open (Bromley)

SKIING CONDITIONS

	Depth (cm) L	Depth (cm) U	Piste	Off Piste	Runs to resort	Weather (5 pm)	°C
Andermatt	140	265	Good	Varied	Fair	Fine	—
Slush on lower slopes							
Flaine	175	505	Fair	Heavy	Fair	Rain	2
Slush on lower slopes							
Isola 2,000	150	185	Good	Varied	Good	Cloud	2
Excellent skiing on piste							
Les Arcs	175	255	Heavy	Heavy	Heavy	Cloud	2
Good cover of snow							
Sauze d'Oulx	15	80	Fair	Heavy	Poor	Cloud	9
Worn patches on lower slopes							
Verbier	9o	265	Good	Varied	Fair	Fine	—
Slush on lower slopes							
Wengen	45	160	Good	Heavy	Fair	Cloud	6
Snow good before noon							

In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper slopes. The following tourist board report has been received:

Norway

	Depth (cm) L	Depth (cm) U	State of Piste	Weather	°C
Finse	—	180	Good	—	-8
Geilo	—	70	Good	—	-4
Gol	—	100	Good	—	0
Lillehammer	—	150	Hard	—	0
Norefjell	—	100	Good	—	-1
Oslo	—	85	Varied	—	-3
Voss	—	145	Hard	—	-2
Rjukan	—	140	Good	—	-4

France

Flaine	—	180	Good		-8

Racing: Grand National Day at Liverpool

Royal Mail's first-class credentials

By Michael Phillips, Racing Correspondent

Thirty-nine runners will go to the start for this year's Grand National (3.20), which is being sponsored by *The Sun* newspaper again at Liverpool today. Time alone will tell how many survive two circuits of Aintree racecourse and 30 of the biggest fences in the land, but when the race comes to its climax I think that there is a good chance we will see Royal Mail, and Tragus still in the hunt.

Aldaniti, last year's hero along with Bob Champion, Again the Same, Loving Words, Rambling Jack, Three To One and Sun Lion are others who should give their supporters a good run for their money, granted the slice of luck that inevitably goes hand in glove with survival in this race. Royal Mail is my selection.

For those who think that a 12-year-old may be a bit long in the tooth for the National, I can only point out that three 12-year-olds have returnd in triumph in the last seven years. Third to Aldaniti and Spartan Missile last year, Royal Mail has been trained especially with today in mind by Stan Mellor, who finished second in the race in 1960 on Bandalock.

"Conditionwise he is the best of my four runners; he has been going so well at home that I'm convinced that he is an altogether different and better horse than he was 12 months ago." That is Mellor's latest encouraging bulletin. Philip Blacker, who was to have ridden him, agrees. He, too, is far happier about the horse now. Last year he thought, for instance, that he had picked the wrong horse after Royal Mail had been completely outpaced by his stable companion, Royal Stuart, in a gallop a week before the race.

But this time he is convinced he is on the right one. By winning a Whitbread Gold Cup besides finishing second in the Gold Cup at Cheltenham in his time, Royal Mail has shown that he has that little bit of class that could enable him to win with as much as 11st 10lb on his back. But for a mistake at the second last fence he would have finished even closer last year.

The key today could lie not so much in the fact that Royal Mail will be meeting Aldaniti on 7lb better terms, but in their form this year. Whereas Royal Mail won his last race in style, Aldaniti has not sparkled in his two races. His trainer, Josh Gifford, made a relevant comment recently: "Last year Aldaniti was pulling my arms out at home; now he is as docile as an old sheep." That suggests that the fire of old might be missing.

By winning the Foxhunter Steeplechase here a year ago Grittar and his amateur rider, Dick Saunders, proved that the big Aintree fences hold no terror for them. But where Grittar differs from last year's runner-up, Spartan Missile, who also won the Foxhunters in his time, is in a matter of class. Spartan Missile was capable of finishing fourth in the Cheltenham Gold Cup, beaten about 14 lengths. That suggests that the handicapper may have Grittar a bit too much weight today.

The other factor is the ground. Whereas Royal Mail will be well suited by the near perfect going, Grittar would like it much softer. As the big day has drawn nearer, support for Tragus has grown and at 20-1 he looks a sporting bet to finish in the first four.

Again The Same has been stabled at Aintree for the last week and his trainer, John Edwards is convinced that he has fully recovered from the ruptured blood vessel in a foot which caused him to run so disappointingly at Haydock last month. Furthermore, Edwards is adamant that Again The Same, who had run so encouragingly at Ascot in February is a horse who needs little work.

Rambling Jack and Three To One are both trained in Scotland by Ken and Rhona Oliver, of Wyndburgh fame. They have always regarded Rambling Jack as a potential National winner. But with the proviso that the ground must be soft. It looks like being too fast for him today and this applies to Three To One who finished fourth in the race a year ago.

Today's programme at Liverpool begins with the Sun Ratings Steeplechase, which should be won by that much improved jumper Rathgoran. The Sun Templegate Hurdle looks an ideal opportunity for Daring Run who won the race 12 months ago.

Salisbury is all set to stage the richest meeting in its history. A year ago Guy Harwood won the 2,000 Guineas Trial there with Recitation and I know that both he and Greville Starkey will be bitterley disappointed if they do not win the same race again this time with Hays, who won the Mill Reef stakes at Newbury last September.



Philip Blacker: misses the ride on Royal Mail

Davies takes over from injured Blacker

By Michael Seely

The Lambourn trainer Stan Mellor has booked Bob Davies to replace Philip Blacker on Royal Mail in the National. Blacker was injured at Ludlow yesterday when Durham Lad fell at the last fence in the Aston Steeplechase.

Blacker, taken off the course by ambulance, was concussed and automatically stands down for seven days under the Jockey Club's medical regulations.

Mellor approached John Francome to take over but Fred Winter's stable jockies preferred to stay with his intended mount, Rough and Tumble although Francome will replace Blacker on Pollardstown in the Sun Templegate Hurdle.

Once again Nadine Smith, from Chichester, proved herself to be the queen trainer of four-year-olds this season when Prince Bless won the Ladbroke Hurdle at Liverpool yesterday.

Liverpool results

Going: good

2.0 (2.02) MONKSFIELD HURDLE (Novices: £3,308: abt 2m 5½f)
GALLANER, b g by Raise You Ten — Alstings Pride (C Bird III) 6-11-5 W Smith (3-1) 1
Capping ... G McCourt (20-1) 2
Righthand Man ... R Earnshaw (7-4 fav) 3
TOTE: Win 54p; places, 18p, 45p, 10p. Dual F: £9.16. CSF: £6.31. F Walwyn at Lambourn. 1l, 4l. Gilded Gold (33-1) 4th. 15 ran. NR: Traceys Special.

2.35 (2.37) MERSEYSIDE HURDLE (4-y-o selling, £3,475: 2m)
Silver Leo gr g by Dubassoff — Fingerofortune (B Wade) 11-1 J. A. Harris (16-1) 1
High Class Agent ... N. Madden (3-2) 2
Allie Dickens ... C. Astbury (33-1) 3
TOTE: Win, £1.60; places, 26p, 25p, £1.72. Dual F: £6.37. CSF: £8.95. J. Harris at Melton Mowbray. ¾l, ¾. Spotsylvania (14-1) 4th. 17 ran. NR: Fiery Glen. Winner bought in for 4,500gns.

3.10 (3.12) KELVINATOR CHASE (handicap: £5,119: abt 3m 1f)
SILENT VALLEY b g by Val de Loir — Wordless (J Walby) 9-10-3 P Scudamore (16-1) 1
Ballydonagh ... R Earnshaw (7-2fav) 2
Hallo Dandy ... J O'Neill (12-1) 3
TOTE: Win, £1.81; places, 48p, 13p, 23p. Dual F: £4.03. CSF: £7.06. Tricast: £65.34. I Jordan at Newcastle Upon Tyne. 4l, 4. Another Duke (20-1) 4th. 11 ran. NR: Templemills.

3.45 (3.48) LADBROKE HURDLE (4-y-o: £8,954: abt 2m)
PRINCE BLESS b c by So Blessed — Pearl Star (T Hayward) 11-0 M O'Halloran (12-1) 1
Rushmoor ... N Doughty (13-2) 2
Clara ... Mr A J Wilson (6-1) 3
TOTE: Win, £2.85; places, 57p, 15p, 20p. Dual F: £23.37. CSF: £8.68. Mrs N Smith at Chichester. 1l, 1½. Royal Vulcan (2-1fav) 4th. 12 ran.

STATE OF GOING (official) Hereford: Good. Salisbury: Good to soft. Edinburgh: Good. Liverpool: Good. Monday: Chepstow: Good to soft. Nottingham: Good to firm. Fontwell: Good to firm. Kelso: Good to firm.

4.20 (4.23) TEC CHASE (£3,928: abt 2m)
BRAVE FELLOW b g by Giolla Mear — Minstar (T Kilroe & Sons Ltd) 8-11-3 P A Charlton (9-2) 1
The Brockabee ... T Carberry (4-1 jt fav) 2
Lord John ... R Linley (12-1) 3
TOTE: Win, 43p; places, 14p, 15p, 22p. Dual F: 48p. CSF: £2.10. J Fitzgerald at Malton. 8l, 5. Classified (11-2) 4th. Celtic Isle 4-1 jt fav. 11 ran. NR: Race Times.

4.50 (4.53) RED RUM CHASE (Novice handicap: £3,257: 2½m)
FIFTY DOLLARS MORE b g, by Deep Run — Shanestown (Sheikh Ali Abu Khamsin) 7-11-10 R Linley (6-1) 1
Combs Ditch ... C Brown (15-2) 2
Corrib Prince ... W Smith (7-4 fav) 3
TOTE: Win, 72p; places, 30p, 45p, 18p. Dual F: £1.87. CSF: £5.27. Tricast: £10.39. F Winter, at Lambourn. 1½l, 1l. Shane Hill (14-1) 4th. 12 ran. Nr: Kudos.

TOTE DOUBLE: Silent Valley and Brave Fellow, £77.90. TREBLE: Silver Leo, Prince Bless and Fifty Dollars More, £114.45 (paid first and third legs only). JACKPOT not won. Pool of £8,133.75 carried forward. PLACEPOT: £116.55.

Runners and riders for today's Grand National

3.20 SUN GRAND NATIONAL CHASE (Handicap: £52,507: 4½m) (39 runners)

301 30-3101 ROYAL MAIL (J Begg) (Light blue, purple spots, armlets & cap) S Mellor 12-11-10 ... —
302 1p/11-00 ALDANITI (CD) (S Embiricos) (White, Royal blue sash, armlets & cap) J Gifford 12-11-9 ... R Champion
304 3/214-20 AGAIN THE SAME (D McLaughlin) (Green, grey sleeves, white cap) J Edwards 9-11-8 ... J J O'Neill
305 200000 CARROW BOY (W Durkan) (Royal blue, white hooped sleeves, white cap royal blue spot) W Durkin (Ire) 10-11-7 ... G Newman
306 11-3210 GRITTAR (C) (F Gilman) (Mauve & white hoops, quartered cap) F Gilman 9-11-5 ... Mr C Saunders
307 p-0p0p1 PETER SCOT (G Amey) (Green, white cross-belts, navy blue sleeves & cap) D Gandolfo 11-11-5 ... P Barton
308 p00311 TRAGUS (Lord Hartington) (Straw, brown check cap) D Morley 10-11-4 ... P Scudamore
309 000000 DEEP GALE (J McManus) (Emerald green, gold hoops, white cap) E O'Grady (Ire) 9-11-2 ... T J Ryan
310 4/301-02 RAMBLING JACK (G Adam) (White, red stars, dark blue & white striped cap) K Oliver 11-11-1 ... T G Dun
311 0/01000 MAN ALIVE (Jim Ennis Construction Ltd) (Red, yellow epaulets, red cap) (G Richards) 11-11-0 ... A Turnell
312 311311 MULLACURRY (J Shannon) (Brown, beige spots, red cap) A Moore (Ire) 10-10-12 ... Mr T Taaffe
313 11111/2 ROLLS RAMBLER (C) (B Brazier) (Grey, royal blue sleeves, white cap) F Winter 11-10-12 ... Mr A J Wilson
314 31-0210 LOVING WORDS (A Netley) (Black, white chevrons on body, hooped cap) J Thorne 9-10-11 ... R Hoare
315 111200 SAINT FILLANS (R Wilson) (Emerald green, purple hooped sleeves, quartered cap) (M Camacho 8-10-11 ... P Tuck
316 430u20 GOOD PROSPECT (C Moorson) (Royal blue, dark blue chevrons on body, white cap) J Edwards 13-10-10 ... R Linley
317 112-p0b CURRENT GOLD (A Picken) (Maroon, gold sash and cap with maroon spots) G Richards 11-10-8 ... N Doughty
318 431304 GANDY VI (Mrs E White-Spunner) (Light blue, grey sleeves & cap) J Thorne 13-10-8 ... R Earnshaw
319 11f002 OLD SOCIETY (Mrs D Fortune) (Red, white cross of Lorraine, white sleeves, black cap) M O'Brien (Ire) 8-10-8 ... P Walsh
320 002-000 ROUGH AND TUMBLE (L Dormer) (White, purple disc & cap, striped sleeves) F Winter 12-10-7 ... J Francome
321 0pp342 THE VINTNER (Westwood Garages Ltd) (Royal blue, white star, red cap) M Naughton 11-10-7 ... Mr D Browne
322 u/1-00p ROYAL STUART (J Begg) (Light blue, purple spots, armlets & cap) S Mellor 11-10-4 ... Mr D Gray
323 pf0-100 DELMOSS (J Goodman) (Yellow, blue, red; White striped sleeves, blue cap) F Walwyn 12-10-3 ... W Smith
324 200p0p MARTINSTOWN (Mrs R Brew) (Light blue, cerise yoke & cap, white sleeves) D. Morley 10-10-3 ... Miss C Brew
325 4-04001 THREE TO ONE (J Manners) (White, light blue braces, black cap) K Oliver 11-10-3 ... R Lamb
326 0314-20 SUN LION (R Waley-Cohen) (Brown, orange sleeves, quartered cap) N Henderson 12-10-2 ... S Smith-Eccles
327 4-33130 HARD OUTLOOK (Lady Wates) (Royal blue, emerald green sleeves, blue cuffs, check cap) A Wates 11-10-1 ... A Webber
329 442423 TIEPOLINO (Mrs B House) (Red, black & white hooped sleeves, white cap, black spots) P Cundell 10-10-0 ... H Davies
330 2010-30 COOLISHALL (B Munro-Wilson) (Chocolate, yellow sleeves, chocolate cap) B Munro-Wilson 13-10-0 ... R Barry
332 10-0000 SENATOR MACLACURY (M Lanigan) (Red, emerald green cap & white spots) J Walsh (Ire) 9-10-0 ... P Kiely
333 0424p2 ARTISTIC PRINCE (R Stigwood) (Brown, orange striped sleeves, orange cap) Mrs J Pitman 11-10-0 ... C Brown
334 4u10p4 JIMMY MIFF (B Davies) (Light green, dark green seams, striped cap) I Wardle 10-10-0 ... M Williams
335 322430 CHEERS (Mrs S Shally) (Emerald green, yellow sleeves, yellow cap, green star) C Mckenzie 10-10-0 ... Mrs G Rees
336 000341 MONTY PYTHON (W. Gaff) (Emerald green, white sleeves, orange & white quartered cap) Mrs J Pitman 10-10-0 ... B de Haan
337 1/4302-3 COLD SPELL (Lord Leverhulme) (Green & yellow hoops, yellow sleeves, quatered cap) S Mellor 10-10-0 ... S Jobar
338 3p-000p THIS WAY (Mrs J George) (Dark blue, red hoop, collar & spots on black cap) T Forster 11-10-0 ... C Candy
339 f-233p4 CHORAL FESTIVAL (M Low) (Red, yellow 'V' & cap) M Low 11-10-0 ... Mr M Low
340 4f0041 DEER MOUNT (C) (Mrs M Babbage) (Light blue, dark blue epaulettes & sleeves) Mrs B Babbage 8-10-0 ... J Byrne
341 04040u RATHLEK (J Carden) (Dark blue, grey 'V' & red cap) R Hollinshead 12-10-0 ... Mr J Carden
342 3p00u3 THREE OF DIAMONDS (H Harpur-Crewe) (Light blue, gold buttons, black cap) M Pipe 10-10-0 ... Mr P O'Connor

6 Royal Mail, 7 Grittar, 8 Aldaniti, 10 Three To One, 12 Again The Same, Rambling Jack, 14 Mullacurry, 16 Loving Words, Tragus, 20 Senator Maclacury, Rough And Tumble, 25 Deep Gale, Rolls Rambler, 33 Man Alive, Peter Scot, 40 others.

FORM: Royal Mail (11st 10lb), won ¾l, nk from Whiggie Geo (rec 21lb) with Good Prospect (rec 8lb) brought down. 11 ran. Doncaster, Mar 1, 3¼m, good. 1981 race, see Aldaniti. Aldaniti (10-9) one paced, 6th, btn 23½l, to Scot Lane (rec 9lb) with Hard Outlook (gave 1lb), faded, 8th; Again The Same (gave 1lb) wknd from 2 out, 9th; Saint Fillans (rec 4lb), ran out. 12 ran. Haydock, 3m good to soft. 1981 race, Aldaniti (10-13) led from 12th, won 4l, 2l, nk, 12l, from Spartan Missile (gve 6lb), Royal Mail (gave 8lb), 3rd; Three To One (rec 10lb), stayed on, 4th; Senator Maclacury (rec 11lb), wknd before last, 5th; Coolishall (rec 10lb), 6th; Rathlek (rec 12lb), 9th Cheers (rec 13lb) last of 12 finishers. Carrow Boy (gave 7lb), Martinstown (rec 6lb), Delmoss (rec 11lb), Choral Festival (rec 11lb), Three of Diamonds (rec 9lb), all fell. Royal Stuart (rec 11lb) unseated rider. The Vintner (rec 5lb) refused. 39 ran. Liverpool, Apr 4, 4½m good. Again The Same, Mar 6, see Aldaniti. Previously (11-10), caught near finish, 2nd, btn ½l to Greenways (rec 20lb); Tiepolino (rec 7lb), 3rd, btn 2½l. 6 ran. Ascot, Feb 24, 2½m good. Carrow Boy (11-2), 7th, to Temple Mills (rec 20lb). 11 ran. Leopardstown, Mar 3, 2½m heavy. Grittar (12-0), 6th, btn 29l to Silver Buck (level). 22 ran. Cheltenham, Mar 18, 3¼m heavy. Peter Scot (11-9), won 3l, from Ballydonagh (rec 14lb). 6 ran. Nottingham, Mar 23, 3½m good to soft. Tragus (12-7), won 6l from Seed Pearl (rec 23lb); Jimmy Miff (rec 20lb), headway 3 out, one pace, 4th, btn 26l. 12 ran. Folkestone, Mar 9, 3¼m good. Deep Gale (11-5), 12th, to Scot Lane (rec 7lb). 18 ran. Cheltenham, Mar 18, 3m 1f heavy. Rambling Jack (11-7), 2nd, btn 7l, to Lesobury (rec 13lb). 7 ran. Ayr, Mar 14, 3m soft. Man Alive (10-10), 5th, to Doubleuagain (rec 10lb). 13 ran. Cheltenham, Mar 17, 2½m heavy. Mullacurry (11-2), won by nk from Mighty's Honour (gave 9lb); Senator Maclacury (rec 35lb), 7th; Carrow Boy (gave 12lb), 8th; Deep Gale (gave 2lb), 10th. 14 ran. Fairyhouse, Feb 20, 2½m good. Rolls Rambler (12-7), first race for 22 months, 2nd, btn 2l to Lone Soldier (rec 23lb). 12 ran. Liverpool, Apr 1, 2m 6f good. Loving Words (11-0), 5th btn 59l, to Royal Judgement (gave 6lb). 11 ran. Chepstow, Feb 20, 3½m soft. Saint Fillans, Mar 6, see Aldaniti. Earlier (10-7), btn 5l to Bregawn (level). 9 ran. Kempton, Feb 8, 3m good to soft. Good Prospect (11-3), 9th to Political Pop (gave 11lb); Rough and Tumble (rec 6lb) pulled off from 12th, 10th; Current Gold (rec 4lb), brought down. 18 ran. Cheltenham, Mar 18, 3m heavy. Rough and Tumble, see Good Prospect. The Vintner (10-8), 2nd, btn 12l to Sambolus (gave 5lb); Martinstown (rec 8lb), pulled up. 10 ran. Doncaster, Mar 13, 4m good. Three To One (11-7), won by 15l from Border Brig (rec 10lb). 7 ran, Hexham, Mar 18, 3m soft. Last year's race, see Aldaniti. Sun Lion (12-0) weakened 17th, 6th, btn 50l, to The Drunken Duck (level). 19 ran. Cheltenham, Mar 18. 3¼m heavy. Tiepolino (10-3), btn 2½l, to Manton Castle (gave 15lb). 9 ran. Newbury, Feb 12, 2½m good to soft. Coolishall (11-1), 5th, btn 28½l, to Very Light (gave 1lb). 12 ran. Newbury, Mar 26, 3½m good. Senator Maclacury (9-10), 5th, btn 7¾l, to Kilgoura (gave 1lb); Deep Gale (gave 25lb), 11th. 13 ran. Navan, Mar 6, 3m heavy. Cheers (10-5), 12th, to Very Light (gave 3lb). 19 ran. Ludlow, Mar 4, 3m good to soft. Monty Python (10-0), all out, won by 1l, from Glenhawk (level). 6 ran. Kempton, Mar 13, 3m heavy. Cold Spell (12-0), 3rd, btn 4l, to Ballyross (gave 7lb); Gandy VI (level), 4th, btn 29l. 15 ran. Kempton, Mar 13, 3m heavy. Deer Mount (9-12), won by 10l from Tom's Little Al (gave 3lb). 10 ran. Devon and Exeter, Mar 26, 2m 1f soft.

SELECTION: RAMBLING JACK

Michael Seely's horse-by-horse guide

ROYAL MAIL: 11st 10lb. The National eluded Stan Mellor in his record-breaking career as a jockey. Has a consistent record as a trainer in the race and New Zealand-bred Royal Mail is strongly fancied to improve on his third to Aldaniti last year. Good going is a must for my first choice.
ALDANITI: 11st 9lb. Last year's tear-jerking winner for the former cancer victim, Bob Champion. Skilfully nursed back to his best by Josh Gifford. Has plenty to do at the weights.
AGAIN THE SAME: 11st 8lb. Doubts about fitness and soundness of this useful three-mile handicapper. John O'Neill attempts to complete the course for the first time.

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CARROW BOY: 11st.7lb. Smart Irish chaser at his best who has not recaptured form of last season. In lead when fell at the tenth last year. Jockey Gerry Newman finished a close third on Drumroan to Lucius in 1978.
GRITTAR: 11st.5lb. Top class hunter-chaser and mount of 48-year-old Northamptonshire farmer, Dick Saunders. Oldest jockey to win the race so far was 41-year-old Tommy Pickernell in Pathfinder in 1875. Jumped brilliantly when winning Heig Foxhunters last season. Ran well for a long way behind Silver Buck in the Cheltenham Gold Cup. Last Leicestershire-trained winner was Reynoldstown in 1936.
PETER SCOT: 11st.5lb. Has won a Welsh Grand National during a long and successful career. Returned to winning form at Nottingham last week. Best in soft ground. Good jumper over park fences but may not be suited to Aintree.
TRAGUS: 11st. 4lb. Mount of champion jockey elect, Peter Scudamore. Fast time in recent victory at Folkestone. Has fallen only once in 25 chases. If he takes to these fences, must go well.

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DEEP GALE: 11st 2lb. Won five races last season but seems to have gone back.
RAMBLING JACK: 11st 1lb. One of two for Ken Oliver who has trained the runner-up four times. Training troubles have prevented him from realising his full potential. Has run reasonably in his only two outings this season; must be respected.
MAN ALIVE: 11st. Mackeson Gold Cup winner in 1979. Has a good turn of foot and would be a live outsider at his peak. Same type as Gordon Richards' previous winner, Lucius.
MULLACURRY: 10st 12lb. Mount of Thomas Taaffe, long-legged son of legendary Pat Taffe. Smart, in form, Irish 2½ miler who has won four of his last five starts. Cannot be discounted.

ROLLS RAMBLER: 10st 12lb. Brilliant hunter chaser two seasons ago, winning five races, including Cheltenham and Liverpool Foxhunters. Well below his best when runner-up to Lone Soldier on Thursday.
LOVING WORD: 10st 11lb. Staying mudlark; trotted up in four mile handicap at Warwick in Januar but well beaten behind Royal Judgment at Chepstow.
SAINT FILLANS: 10st 11lb. Headstrong and inclined to hit fences when tired. A good second to subsequent Cheltenham Gold Cup runner up, Bregawn, at Kempton but may not treat these enormous obstacles with sufficient respect.
GOOD PROSPECT: 10st 10lb. Bought by Prince Charles as a replacement for Allibar last season. Now back with John Edwards. Hard to fancy him.
CURRENT GOLD: 10st 8lb. Won National Hunt Handicap at Cheltenham last year but has yet to show a semblance of that ability this season.
GANDY VI: 10st 8lb. Has had a fair season in Ireland, needs the mud.

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ROUGH AND TUMBLE: 10st 7lb. One of Fred Winter's two possible runners, the mount of John Francome. Third to Rubstic in 1979; runner-up to Ben Nevis in 1980. Reportedly has had leg trouble. Well beaten in hunter chases and tailed off in the Kim Muir at Cheltenham.
THE VINTNER: 10st 7lb. North country plodder. Uninspiring record at Aintree; pulled up in 1980 and refused in 1981.
ROYAL STUART: 10st 4lb. One of Stan Mellor's three runners in 1980. Ran well last year until a leather broke and parted company with his rider at the 20th fence. No form this season.
DELMOSS: 10st 3lb. Carries colours of American Jack Goodman, owner of 1964 winner, Team Spirit. Fell at the fourth in 1981 and 22nd in 1980. Likes the going.
***MARTINSTOWN:** 10st 3lb. Mount of Charlotte Brew, first woman to ride in the race four years ago. Well behind when fell four out last season.*
THREE TO ONE: 10st 3lb. Ken Oliver's personal pick. *Fourth last year and showed good recent* form at Hexham. Outstanding each way chance for Ridley Lamb.
SUN LION' 10st 2lb: Likes good going. Useful hunter chaser but has something to find on form.

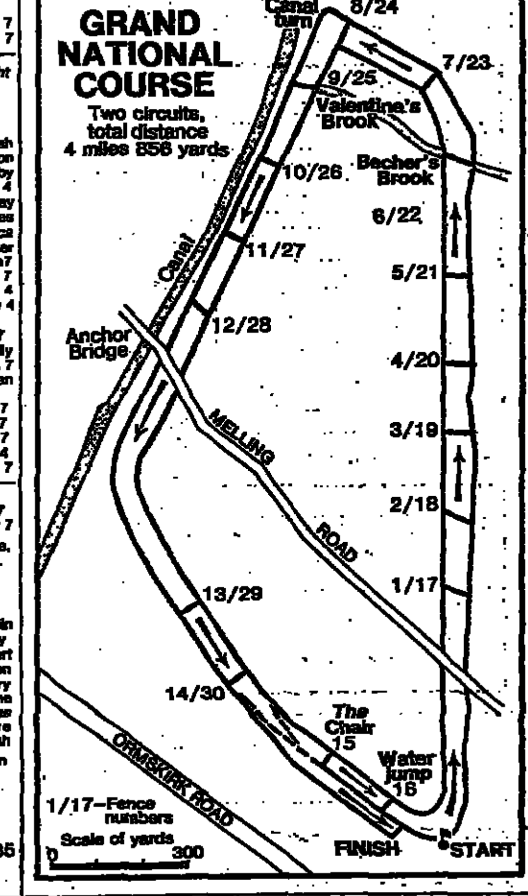
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HARD OUTLOOK: 10st 1lb. Stays all day, but at *his own pace.*
TIEPOLINO: 10st. Rather unpredictable nowadays, although not short of speed.
COOLISHALL: 10st. Property of merchant banker and SAS daredevil, Brod Munro-Wilson. Best of four appearances was in 1978 when fourth ot Lucius.
SENATOR MACLACURY: 10st. Fifth last year as seven year old. There could be worse outsiders.
ARTISTIC PRINCE: One of Jenny Pitman's two runners. Fell in 1979. Stamina is his strong point but form credentials do not appear good enough.
JIMMY MIFF: 10st. Won very easily over four *miles at Haydock in November.* Inconsistent but hard to rule out completely.
CHEERS: 10st. Last to complete the course behind Aldaniti but Geraldine Rees would be odds on favourite to win any beauty competition for jockeys.
MONTY PYTHON: 10st. Blinkered when flat out to beat Glenhawk by a length at Kempton. Surely not good enough to win for Mrs Pitman.
COLD SPELL: 10st. Stan Mellor's third runner. Ran sound race on only outing this season when third to Ballyross in Grand Mititary Gold Cup. Stays well but should not be good enough.

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THIS WAY: 10st. Jumped course safely when third to Mr Marlsbridge in 1981 Topham Trophy, but that is only recommendation.
CHORAL FESTIVAL: 10st. Left in lead at 19th fence last year but weakened and fell four from home.
DEER MOUNT: 10st. *A repetition of the Foinavon* chain of events could be his only chance.
RATHLEK: 10st. Ninth in 1981; fell in 1980. Could plod around in his own time.
THREE OF DIAMONDS: 10st. Unlikely to be the joker in the pack of the 1982 National.

SUMMARY: It *is* impossible to get away from Royal Mail, Aldaniti, Grittar and Three To One. Aldaniti looked in magnificent shape on *the track* yesterday morning, but the fast ground specialist, Royal Mail, must be the first choice. Barring accidents, horses with proven jumping ability on the course always fight out the finish, so have a go at the Tricast: perm any three from these four to finish in the correct order (24 bets). This system has worked twice in the past nine years and the *odds are always good.*



O'Brien's first is Achieved

Vincent O'Brien believes in *leading from strength and at The* Curragh this afternoon saddles Achieved as his first starter of the new flat season in the Gladness Stakes, our Irish correspondent writes. Achieved, who went unbeaten through his first season, was rated not only the best Irish two-year-old of last season but through the winter months has occupied a prominent position in the winter betting on the 2,000 Guineas.

The opposition to him today includes Kilian, an unbeaten four-year-old trained by David O'Brien and Noble Monk, who won a *six-furlongs handicap* under a big weight here last week. This, however, is not a good race for four-year-olds, and it will be the first major shock of 1982 should Achieved fail to win.

Some 1,000 Guineas longshots will be attempting to enhance their status in the April Fillies Stakes, and the one I like best is Wolver Maid, who started last season with a runaway eight lengths victory at Leopardstown.

Irish-trained horses have only won the Grand National on two occasions since Vincent O'Brien abandoned the training of jumpers to concentrate on the flat. The major Irish aspirant today is Mullacurry.

Rest of the Liverpool card

Tote: Double 3.20 and 4.35. Treble 2.35, 4.05 and 5.05
[Television: BBC1 2.0, 2.35 and 3.20]

2.0 SUNRATINGS LIMITED CHASE (Handicap: £9,299: 2m) (12 runners)
101 111111 RATHGORMAN (D) (J Lilley) M W Dickinson 10-12-0 ... K Whyte
102 42-4143 DRUMGORA (D) (D Monahan) A Moore (Ire) 10-11-10 ... F Berry
103 3-20200 WESTERN ROSE (C,D) (R Padmore) Mrs M Rimell 10-10-13 ... P Scudamore
104 430111 BADSWORTH BOY (D) (D Armitage) M W Dickinson 7-10-12 ... R Earnshaw
106 113104 SPINNING SAINT (D) (B Babbage) Mrs M Babbage 8-10-7 ... Mr N Babbage
107 1-33331 PRAYUKTA (D) (Mrs I Macaulay) F Winter 7-10-7 ... J Francome
108 101108 RUN WITH PRIDE (D) (P Hamilford) M O'Toole (Ire) 7-10-7 ... N Madden
109 111320 GOLDEN VOW (D) (R Dowsett) R Hartop 8-10-7 ... —
110 232ff2 LITTLE BAY (C,D,B) (Mrs S Catherwood) G Richards 7-10-7 ... J O'Neill
111 0p0410 KINGS SERVANT (D) (Mrs P Casey) P Woods (Ire) 8-10-7 ... E Woods
114 239400 NEON LIGHT (B) (J Needham) J Edwards 10-10-7 ... —
116 044030 GAMBLING PRINCE (D) (Mrs G Jones) Mrs G Jones 9-10-7 ... J Burke

11-8 Rathgorman, 9-2 Drumgora, 6 Badsworth Boy, 7 Western Rose, 10 Spinning Saint, 14 Run With Pride, 16 Prayukta, 20 Golden Vow, 25 others.

FORM: Rathgorman (12-0), impressively won 20l, 8l, 1½l, from Chinrullah (level), Drumgora (level) fav, faded from 2 out, and Spinning Saint (level), one-paced. 9 ran. Cheltenham, Mar 17, 2m heavy. See Western Rose. 1981 race, Western Rose see Spinning Saint. Badsworth Boy (12-7), fav, won 7l, 4l, from Repique (rec 32lb), and Think Big (rec 34lb). 8 ran. Uttoxeter, Mar 20, 2m 1f heavy. Spinning Saint, see Rathgorman, previously (10-5) fav, won 1½l, 1l from Professor Plum (rec 1lb) and Jo Colombo (rec 5lb), with Western Rose (gave 19lb), wknd 3 out, further 25l away 5th. 7 ran. Hereford, Mar 6, 2m soft. Prayukta (11-7) fav, easily won 5l, 5l, from Spin Again (rec 16lb) and Tower Moss (rec 28lb). 3 ran. Kempton, Feb 26, 2m good to soft.
SELECTION: RATHGORMAN

2.35 SUN TEMPLEGATE HURDLE (£11,878: 2m 5½f) (5)
201 1-1201f DARING RUN (CD) (Mrs H Doyle) P McCreery (Ire) 7-11-9 ... Mr T Walsh
202 20042p BIRDS NEST (C) (T Scott) R Turnell 12-11-6 ... A Turnell
203 012023 EKBALCO (Tawfik Fakhouri) R Fisher 6-11-6 ... D Goulding
207 21-2234 POLLARDSTOWN (CD,B) (Mrs W Tulloch) S Mellor 7-11-6 ... P Blacker
209 213112 BROADSWORD (C) (Lord Northampton) D Nicholson 5-11-6 ... P Scudamore

7-4 Broadsword, 2 Daring Run, 3 Ekbalco, 7 Pollardstown, 20 Birds Nest.

FORM: Daring Run, see Ekbalco. Previously (12-0), easily won 6l, 4l, from Enhancer (rec 16lb) and Another Story (rec 16lb). 13 ran. Leopardstown, Feb 13, 2m yielding. Ekbalco (12-0), held up, not qckn run-in, 3rd, btn 7l, 1½l, to For Auction (level) and Broadsword (level), ran on towards finish, with Pollardstown (level), one-paced from 2 out, 8l away 4th, and Daring Run (level) fav, slipped up on flat before 6th. 14 ran. Cheltenham, Mar 16, 2m heavy. Pollardstown, see Ekbalco. Broadsword, see Ekbalco. Previously (11-12) driven out, won 3l, ¾l, from Heighlin (gave 2lb) and Pollardstown (gave 2lb). 9 ran. Cheltenham, Jan 30, 2½m good to soft.
SELECTION: BROADSWORD

4.05 PAGE THREE CHASE (£3,882: 3m 1f) (9)
401 142043 GREASEPAINT (Mrs N Todd) M Cunningham (Ire) 7-11-11 ... K O'Leary 7
402 014000 APRIL GLIDER (G Adam) W Fairgrieve 8-11-7 ... D Dutton 4
405 u-11224 FURY BOY (Capt J Macdonald-Buchanan) D Nicholson 9-11-7 ... Mr A Macdonald Buchanan 7
406 004-000 GOLDEN HERITAGE (W Holden) W Holden 10-11-7 ... Mr S Roberts
407 2131100 LUCKY CALL (B Brooks) D Nicholson 8-11-7 ... Mr J Fanshawe 7
408 u4328f MOONLIGHT EXPRESS (J Harnett) J Gifford 9-11-7 ... P Double 7
409 144211 MY BUCK (T Curry) M W Dickinson 10-11-7 ... Mr D Browne 7
411 u22330 RAMRAJYA (B) (R Hawkins) M Hourigan (Ire) 9-11-7 ... D P Fegan 7
412 100110 ROYAL DIPPER (Mrs E Daly) J Fowler (Ire) 7-11-7 ... —

13-8 Royal Dipper, 4 My Buck, 6 Greasepaint, 7 Ramrajya, 10 Fury Boy, 14 Moonlight Express, 20 Lucky Call, 25 others.

4.35 LUCKY JIM HURDLE (Handicap, amateurs: £4,649: 2m) (24)
502 013121 ENHANCER (D) (N Hunt) T Curtin (Ire) 6-11-11 ... T M Walsh
503 220000 RA TAPU (D) (D Lugg) P Mitchell 5-11-2 ... A J Wilson
504 002010 CORNERING (D) (A Watson) M H Easterby 6-10-13 ... T Easterby
505 002232 MONEY POINT (D) (Mrs N O'Meara) W Harney (Ire) 6-10-13 ... P J Finn 4
507 000000 HIGH OLD TIME (CD) (Dickens Ltd) S Mellor 6-10-10 ... D Gray
508 321111 CHARLIE MUDDLE (D) (B Norman) S Mellor 7-10-8 ... T Thomson-Jones
509 34-4011 FUNNY SPRING (Mrs D Zarcher) G P-Gordon 7-10-8 ... M Rocca
510 310030 HADAJAR (D) (A Morris) M Tate 7-10-6 ... A Fowler
512 003014 HONEY COME BACK (D) (T Burns) M Hourigan (Ire) 7-10-5 ... J Mangan 7
515 030p00 MILLIONDOLLARMAN (D) (Mrs P Shaw) W Jenks 8-10-2 ... J Bryan 7
516 000-110 WESTERN MAN (D) (Mrs C Shipley) J Fitzgerald 7-10-0 ... D Browne 4
517 3000-0 IVAREEN (S Powell) D Kent 9-10-0 ... R Gow 4
518 000102 B AND K EMPEROR (D) (B & K Motors Ltd) M W Easterby 5-10-0 ... R J Beggan 7
519 -0000 MYSTERIOUS ARTHUR (A Hornibal) J Feane (Ire) 6-10-0 ... J Queally
520 000010 CLOG DANCE (D) (C Holmes) J Clark 10-10-0 ... C Holmes 7
521 240000 ASTIS (D) (P Moloney) P McCartan jun. (Ire) 6-10-0 ... T McCartan
526 230000 SHERMOON (Capt J Macdonald-Buchanan) D Nicholson 11-10-0 ... A Macdonald-Buchanan 7
527 0-01002 PARKSTONE QUAY (R Botterill) R Woodhouse 5-10-0 ... R Botterill 7
528 00/000p MERLANE (D Jones) G Balding 5-10-0 ... D Pitcher 7
529 00014-0 KUDU KING (D) (T Hodgkins) B Cambidge 5-10-0 ... J Cambridge 4
530 002230 JOSMOLL (D) (R Taylor) C Mackenzie 5-10-0 ... Mrs G Rees 7
531 -010a/0- REFERENDUM (N McGhee) W Gorman 9-10-0 ... —
533 00000 SUMMER SOLDIER (Lady Aubrey-Fletcher) Lady Aubrey-Fletcher 5-10-0 ... C Pilgrim 7
534 0-p000f TRANSFORMATION (B Key) (B Key 13-10-0 ... Miss D Key 7

5-2 Enhancer, 9-2 Money Point, 11-2 Cornering, 8 Charlie Muddle, 10 High Old Time, Hadajar, 12 Ra Tapu, 14 Western Man, 16 Honey Come Back, 20 B And K Emperor, 25 others.

5.05 TOM PEPPER HURDLE (Novice: 4-y-o: £3,921.50: 2m 5½f)(9)
602 002231 ABO ACE (Mrs J Lawrence) M Ryan 11-6 ... J McLaughlin
603 221111 CYBRANDIAN (I Bray) M H Easterby 11-6 ... Mr T Easterby
605 102023 BRASS CHANGE (N Goodliff) I Dudgeon 11-3 ... G McCourt
606 f22 CHEF MARCEL (B Lindsey) N Bycroft 11-3 ... P A Charlton
607 00010 CORNISHMAN (K Fischer) R Hollinshead 11-3 ... C Astbry
608 112020 DR STEVE (T Hayward) Mrs N Smith 11-3 ... J Francome
611 042312 LE GRAN BRUN (D Elton) P Cundell 11-3 ... S Smith Eccles
613 313020 ON A CLOUD (Lord Northampton) D Nicholson 11-3 ... P Scudamore
614 1020 TIGER WHALE (C Foley) M O'Brien (Ire) 11-3 ... P Walsh

2 Dr Steve, 5-2 Cybrandian, 9-2 Brass Change, 6 Tiger Whale, 10 Abo Ace, 12 Le Gran Brun.

Liverpool selections

By Our Racing Correspondent

2.0 Rathgorman. 2.35 Daring Run. 3.20 Royal Mail. 4.05 Royal Dipper. 4.35 Charlie Muddle. 5.05 Dr Steve.

Salisbury

[Television: ITV 1.30, 2.0, 2.30 and 3.05].

1.30 DAMERHAM HANDICAP (3-y-o: £2,485: 1m) (14 runners)
1 033312- PARTHIA'S PICTURE (Essl Commodities Ltd) G Lewis 9-7 ... P Waldron 3
2 00144- NAWAB (C) (P Hussain) I Balding 9-6 ... J Matthias 9
3 010000- BASIL BOY (B Haywood) R Hannon 9-5 ... R Wernham 2
4 00100- NOUMAYR (H H Aga Khan) R Houghton 9-4 ... J Reid 7
5 0030- LAYAL (Sheikh Mohammed) J Dunlop 9-3 ... W Carson 8
6 043- STEEL GLOW (A Shead) B Hills 9-2 ... S Cauthen 11
7 000200- FAIR MOUNT LAD (C) (D Steele) H Price 8-11 ... B Rouse 13
8 414030- FELTHORPE MARINER (P Mills) C Brittain 8-10 ... G Baxter 12
9 00410- EVEN BANKER (D) (L Ward) R Hannon 8-3 ... P Cook 14
10 000420- MY FAIR ORCHID (Mrs J Matthews) S Matthews 8-0 ... S Salmon 4
11 000400- PETE ROCKET (Mrs S Hanby) P Haslam 7-9 ... B Jones 5 6
12 000000- COASTLINE (A Mutinga) C Benstead 7-7 ... D McKay 5
13 0000- BELLBROOK (J Leavett-Shenley) W Wightman 7-7 ... S Dawson 7 10
14 002-3 SPARE WHEEL (Mrs S Goldblatt) P Cundell 7-7 ... C Cox 7 1

9-4 Steel Glow, 11-4 Nawab, 9-2 Parthia's Picture, 6 Even Banker, Spare Wheel, 10 Noumayr, 12 Layal, 20 others.

2.0 SALISBURY 1000 GUINEAS TRIAL STAKES (Group 3: 3-y-o fillies: £10,845: 7f) (10)
1 01- ASH RIDGE (E Moller) H Wragg 8-9 ... S Cauthen 2
2 213221- BRIGHT VIEW (J Tumey) T Fairhurst 8-9 ... L Piggott 8
4 10313- FAIRY TERN (C) (P Mellon) I Balding 8-9 ... J Matthias 5
5 214142- HAITOS (Mrs A Beeson) E Beeson 8-9 ... S Salmon 3
7 24-2322 REALMS REASON (W Campbell) W H-Bass 8-9 ... T Ives 6
8 02112- ROSANANTI (R O'Ferrall) J Dunlop 8-9 ... W Carson 1
9 3- ROSE OF MONTREAUX (F Sahadi) P Cole 8-9 ... J Reid 10
10 140- SENORITA QUERIDA (Mrs J Ramos) W Guest 8-9 ... A Murray 9
11 224440- SILOJOKA (Mrs R Lamb) C Benstead 8-9 ... B Rouse 7
12 02140-0 TEN-TRACO (Mrs L Allen) D H Jones 8-9 ... P Cook 4

5-2 Bright View, 7-2 Rosananti, 9-2 Ash Ridge, 6 Fairy Gem, 8 Realm's Reason, 10 Haitos, 12 Rose of Montreaux, 20 others.

FORM: Ash Ridge (8st 11lb) late run, decisively won 1½, nk, from Beldale Lustre (gave 3lb) wi and Steel Gow (gave 3lb). 22 ran. Newmarket, Oct 17, 6f, good. Bright View (8-0) won ½l, 2l from Blue Emmanuelle (rec 14lb) and Miss Trill (rec 10lb). 10 ran, Redcar, Sep 26, 5f good. Fairy Tern (8-8) no extra final furlong, 3rd, btn 2l, 1½l, to Jester (gave 8lb) and Rebollino (gave 8lb). 5 ran. Ayr, Sep 17, 5f, good. Realm's Reason (8-6), 2nd, btn sh hd, to Engrete (rec 5lb) with Gamboy (gave 3lb) 12l away, 3rd, 10 ran. Cagnes-sur-mer, Mar 9, 1m, soft. Rosananti (9-8) chased winner final furlong, 2nd, btn 2l, to Spanish Pool (rec 9lb) with Final Strike (level) 1½l away, 3rd. 11 ran. Lingfield, Oct 2, 7f, good. Silojoka (8-11), close up four furlongs, 7th to Woodstream (level). 13 ran. Newmarket, Sep 30, 6f, good.
SELECTION: Ash Ridge.

2.30 CRANBOURNE SPRINT HANDICAP (£2,406: 6f) (12)
1 300000- OLD DOMINION (D) (P Mellon) I Balding 5-10-0 ... J Matthias 12
2 303004- DENMORE (CD) (Maj T Adam) C Nelson 6-9-9 ... L Piggott 4
3 000002- DAVENPORT BOY (D) (Mrs D Clay) A Pitt 6-9-4 ... J Jenkinson 2
4 23000-1 DAWN'S DELIGHT (CD) (K Ivory) K Ivory 4-9-4 (7 ex) ... K Leason 11
5 020110- MANILOW (Mrs M Alexander) B Swift 5-9-3 ... A Murray 9
6 100030- VORVADOS (CD) (Miss F Gattichen) M Haynes 5-9-1 ... W Carson 9
7 304040- BARNET HEIR (B Shine) B Swift 4-9-1 ... J Mercer 3
8 320020- ROLLIN HAND (W Ponsonby) P Cole 4-8-11 ... M Mathem 5 5
9 0/20401- NORTHERN ECLIPSE (Mrs K Richardson) H Mitchell 5-8-6 ... B Jago 9
10 410000- IN RHYTHM (D) (Mrs A Kalmancon) P Makin 5-8-1 ... G Baxter 10
11 102120- ROYAL DIPLOMAT (D) (J Hines-Oedman) L Holt 5-7-11 ... S Dawson 7 8
12 02000-0 BANBURY CROSS (D) (Maj H Cayzer) W Wightman 4-7-8 ... R Fox 1

7-2 Dawn's Delight, 4 Barnet Heir, 6 Davenport Boy and Denmore, 7 Old Dominion, 8 Rollin Hand, 10 Royal Diplomat, 12 Vorvados, 20 others.

3.05 SALISBURY 2000 GUINEAS TRIAL STAKES (Group 3: 3-y-o: £10,924: 7f) (14)
1 11030- HAYS (A Salman) G Harwood 9-1 ... G Starkey 12
2 2311- ARROWOOD DREAM (R Smith) J Dunlop 8-10 ... W Carson 5
3 240312- BETTER PORTION (F Warren) P Ashworth 8-10 ... B Rouse 4
4 33- CANNON SHELL (I Moubarak) M Albina 8-10 ... A Murray 1
5 40- CORNISH GEM (E Holding) P Haslam 8-10 ... L Piggott 7
6 4- DUKE OF DOLLIS (D Elsworth) D Elsworth 8-10 ... — 3
7 342330- FINAL STRIKE (D) (T Saud) F Durr 8-10 ... A Bond 5
8 003133- LOBKOWIEZ (Mrs C Elliot-Lemoine) C Brittain 8-10 ... W R Swinburn 11
9 00004- NATIVE SON (A Richards) C Austin 8-10 ... G Baxter 2
12 410- SABUTAI (P Hussain) I Balding 8-10 ... J Matthias 9
13 00- SILLY STEVEN (Dr S Bennett) R Hannon 8-10 ... P Cook 14
14 22- STEEL BAY (I Arnold) P Cole 8-10 ... J Mercer 10
15 224002- TELEPHONE MAN (M Fine) P Kelleway 8-10 ... S Cauthen 6
16 030200- TIDWORTH TATTOO (Dr D Davis) D Elsworth 8-10 ... — 13

7-4 Hays, 5-2 Lobkowiez, 6 Arrowood Dream, 7 Cannon Shell, 8 Cornish Gem, 10 Telephone Man, 12 Final Strike, 16 others.

FORM: Hays (9st 0lb) fav, not in first 9 to Cajun (level). 13 ran. Newmarket, Oct 1, 6f, good: previously (8-11) led over one furlong out, won 3l, 2½l from Macmillion (level) and Match Master (rec 3lb). 8 ran. Newbury, Sep 19, 6f, soft. Arrowood Dream (9-4) won 2½l, from Twist Home (gave 3lb) and Tarafa (rec 7lb). 29 ran. Redcar, Oct 27, 1m, soft. Cannon Shell (8-11) soon clear, won 3l, 2l, from Path of Glory (gave 7lb) and Lift High (level). 9 ran. York, Oct 10, 5f, soft. Lobkowiez (8-11) 2nd into straight, kept on, 3rd, btn 3l, nk, to Norwick (level) and Silver Hawk (level) with Telephone Man (level) 5th. 8 ran. Ascot, Sep 26, 1m, soft. Steel Bay (8-6) led over five furlongs. 2nd, btn 1l, to Montekin (gave 11lb) with Old Country (gave 11lb) 4l away. 3rd. 8 ran Goodwood, Sep 29, 7f, good. Telephone Man (8-7) battled on under strong pressure, 2nd, btn 3l, to Zino (gave 4lb). 10 ran. Maisons-Laffitte, Oct 30, 7f, heavy.
SELECTION: Hays.

4.0 WALLOP HANDICAP (3-y-o: £1,690: 5f) (16)
1 220000- BA POUNDSTRETCHER (D) (J Williams) R Hannon 9-7 ... P Cook 1
2 031- HARPERS BAZAAR (D) (Mrs G Smith) R Smyth 9-7 ... B Raymond 12
3 d03022- FOUR FOR MUSIC (W Griffiths jun) P Haslam 9-3 ... L Piggott 6
4 440003- MILK HEART (E Holding) G Lewis 9-1 ... P Waldron 16
6 04000-0 WINDY LAD (D Steele) J Jenkins 8-11 ... J Mercer 10
7 10300- SHINY HOUR (D) (M Stewkesbury) M McCormack 8-7 ... R Street 5
8 00200-0 GENTLE STAR (B) (Mrs V Rhodes) K Ivory 8-7 ... K Leason 7
9 300001- SAINT CRESPIN BAY (D) (S Matthews) 8-4 ... J Reid 4
10 0000- ABSTAINER (Ld McAlpine) R Smyth 8-2 ... D McKay 8
11 000000- SPANISH POINT (T Heard) D Sasse 8-1 ... W Carson 3
12 0000- ALL THERE (B Shine) B Swift 8-1 ... M L Thomas 11
13 000- LOCHTILLUM (J Douglas-Home) J D-Home 8-1 ... Paul Eddery 5 13
14 00030-0 LESKACRES (S Matthews) S Matthews 7-12 ... S Salmon 2
15 00000- BOODLESBIRD (Boodle's Racing Club) D Whelan 7-10 ... W Newns 14
16 04300-0 BURLINGTON LAD (E Perry) C James 7-8 ... A McGlone 5 9
17 000000- FLORAL ELEGANCE (D) (G Smalley) Mrs C Reavey 7-7 ... R Still 15

3 Four For Music, 4 Harper's Bazaar, 9-2 Windy Lad, 6 Gentle Star, 7 BA Poundstretcher, 8 Milk Heart, 10 Shiny Hour, 12 Saint Crespin Bay, 20 others.

4.30 ANDOVER FILLIES STAKES (3-y-o maidens: £1,710: 1m 2f) (10)
2 002000- APPLE BLOSSOM (Mrs A Beeson) E Beeson 8-11 ... S Salmon 8
3 000- BALAUSTIN (Mrs D Riley-Smith) H Price 8-11 ... B Rouse 2
4 00- CHALKY ROAD (E Moller) H Wragg 8-11 ... G Starkey 4
5 000- CIDER QUEEN (Ld McAlpine) R Smyth 8-11 ... B Raymond 1
7 00- HAYSTACK (P Mellon) I Balding 8-11 ... P Waldron 5
8 00- HOPE COVE (A Perry) D Whelan 8-11 ... P Cook 9
9 0- KELLY'S DAUGHTER (L Troke) P Haslam 8-11 ... B Jago 6
14 40- ROSACEAE (Miss P Vaughan) I Balding 8-11 ... J Matthias 10
16 00- SA-VEGAS (E Landi) J Dunlop 8-11 ... W Carson 7
17 000- SOBERSDAY (M Small) M Francis 8-11 ... J Reid 3

11-8 Sa-Vegas, 100-30 Chalkey Road, 4 Rosaceae, 6 Haystack, 8 Balaustin, 10 Hope Cove, 12 Cider Queen, 20 others.

Salisbury selections

By Our Racing Correspondent

1.30 Spare Wheel. 2.0 Ash Ridge. 2.30 Dawn's Delight. 3.05 Hays. 4.0 Spanish Point. 4.30 Rosaceae.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

1.30 Felthorpe Mariner. 2.0 Ash Ridge. 3.05 Cannon Shell. 4.0 Four for Music. 4.30 Chalkey Road.

Edinburgh

2.15 HERIOT GUARANTEED SWEEPSTAKES (2-y-o: £552: 5f) (4 runners)
1 0 MONDAY BLUES R Whitaker 8-11 ... M Fozzard 7 3
3 TOUCHING T Barron 8-11 ... G Duffield 2
5 LIAR-DICE A W Jones 8-8 ... C Dwyer 1
6 MEDAALA K Stone 8-8 ... M Wigham 4

11-10 Monday Blues, 2 Medaala, 4 Touching, 8 Liar Dice.

2.40 GIFFORD HANDICAP (£1,024: 5f) (6)
1 0000- BRI-EDEN (CD) J Berry 8-10-0 ... M Berry 7 3
2 0010- MISS IMPORT (DB) T Barron 4-9-10 ... G Duffield 6
5 0000- KINGS OFFERING (D) R Ward 7-8-13 ... P Robinson 2
8 021-2 MISS POINCIANA (CD) M Camacho 5-8-10 ... E Hide 5
10 0000- MARTON BOY (D) S Wiles 4-8-2 ... D Nicholls 4
12 000- STRING OF STARS D Chapman 4-7-8 ... A Nesbitt 5 1

4-7 Miss Poinciana, 4 Bri-Eden, 6 Miss Import, 12 Kings Offering, 16 String of Stars.

3.5 PATHHEAD GUATANTED SWEEPSTAKES (Maidens: £552: 1m 3f) (10)
1 0/000- BRISBANE M Cousins 4-9-6 ... N Carlisle 5 2
2 000/0- CALMACUTTER A W Jones 5-9-6 ... G Duffield 7
4 /300-0 ESKVIEW LAD T Craig 4-9-6 ... A Mackay 5 10
7 3000- SALTHOUSE N Callaghan 5-9-6 ... E Hide 4
8 0000/ SHALLOT BOY F Watson 4-9-6 ... W Telford 6
10 VENT ARRIERE R Morris 5-9-6 ... J Lowe 1
11 LOTHIAN EMPRESS W Crawford 4-9-3 ... R Campbell 5 5
13 024-0 BLUE DO T Craig 3-8-0 ... S Webster 8
14 0- MARKENFIELD C J W Watts 3-8-0 ... N Connorton 5 3
15 00-0 OLE FAITHFUL C Thornton 3-8-0 ... J Bleasdale 9

9-4 Salthouse, 7-2 Blue Do, 9-2 Ole Faithful, 6 Eskview Lad, 8 Markenfield, 10 Brisbane, 12 Lothian Empress, 16 others.

3.50 SOUTRA HANDICAP (£1,005: 1½m) (6)
4 0000- SHEBA'S GLORY F Watson 4-9-3 ... E Hide 6
6 0300- ANVIL INN T Craig 4-8-12 ... S Webster 5
7 0000- WHISKY GO GO (CD) R Morris 6-8-10 ... J Lowe 3
8 4000- TIMONIER Denys Smith 5-8-10 ... P Kelleher 2
9 000-3 MOUNT MAGIC (C) R Allen 6-8-8 ... C Dwyer 4
10 0004- CAROUSEER (D) D Chapman 5-8-5 ... A Nesbitt 5 1

7-4 Timonier, 9-4 Mount Magic, 5 Anvil Inn, 8 Whisky Go Go 10 Carouser, 12 Sheba's Glory.

4.20 MACMERRY STAKES (Selling: 3-y-o: £480: 1m) (5)
1 100-0 BEAMING LASS J Wilson 8-11 ... N Carlisle 5 5
2 0000- CHARLES BOOT M Tompkins 8-7 ... A Mackay 5 1
3 4020- COUGH T Craig 8-7 ... C Dwyer 2
4 00- HEART'S CONTENT R Ward 8-7 ... P Robinson 4
5 0000- SWEET JAPONICA R Stubbs 8-4 ... J Fortune 7 3

5-4 Cough, 5-2 Heart's Content, 4 Beaming Lass, 6 Charles Boot, 12 Sweet Japonica.

4.50 PORT SETON GUARANTEED SWEEPSTAKES (Maidens: 3-y-o: £552: 7f) (6)
1 0000- BLOEMFONTEIN T Craig 9-0 ... S Webster 3
2 0- COLD FOURPENNY T Craig 9-0 ... C Dwyer 6
5 000-4 LAURENCE MAC T Bacon 9-0 ... G Duffield 5
7 0- SOUTHFORK STAR R Morris 9-0 ... J Lowe 4
8 4004- TAKHOS Denys Smith 9-0 ... P Kelleher 1
9 0330- NATIVE GUEST N Tinkler 8-11 ... P Robinson 2

6-4 Laurence Mac, 9-4 Takhos, 9-2 Native Guest, 6 Cold Fourpenny, 14 Southfork Star, 20 Bloemfontein.

Edinburgh selections

By Michael Seely

2.15 Medaala. 2.40 Miss Poinciana. 3.05 Salthouse. 3.50 Mount Magic. 4.20 Cough. 4.50 Dales Flyer.

The Wonder fitness edge

The programme for the opening day at Longchamp tomorrow has been complicated by the hesitance of two leading French trainers. Francois Mathet will not decide whether Vayrann will line up for the Prix d'Harcourt until this morning when Mitri Saliba will also make a final decision about Green Forest's presence in the one mile Prix de Fontainebleau, Our French Racing Correspondent writes.

The finish of the ten-furlong prix d'Harcourt should be fought out between The Wonder and Al Nasr, who have both had the advantage of a run this season.

Devon & Exeter

2.15: 1, Silver Ransome (11-1); 2, Frevolity (8-1); 3, Gay Tab (14-1). Village Mark 10-11 fav. 13 ran.
2.45: 1, Fillette Farm (6-2); 2, Man on the Run (10-1); 3, Douscoment (3-1 fav). 15 ran. NR: Corrib Lad, Barron's Leap, Killeen.
3.15: 1, Tom's Little Al (6-1); 2, Tristram Shandy (7-1); 3, Princely Mark (7-2). Wild Gamble 2-1 fav. 11 ran. NR: Taw Valley.
3.45: 1, Lynwood Lady (6-1); 2, Toothey Able (11-4 fav); 3, Silver Kellie (5-1). 15 ran.
4.15: 1, Ansty Fox (evens fav); 2, Miss Sabrina (5-1); 3, Wigginton Pride (12-1). 8 ran. NR: Tai.
4.45: 1, Aramoss (10-1); 2, Rigton Bean (7-1); 3, Silver Surprise (6-4 fav). 15 ran.
5.15: 1, Piping Reed (13-2); 2, Moon Step (12-1); 3, Pick May (50-1). Imorgayle 4-7 fav. 12 ran.

Ludlow

2.15: 1, Mothrals (4-5 fav); 2, Duke of York (33-1); 3, Midnight Lily (10-1). 17 ran. NR: Whistling Angus.
2.45: 1, Royal Guide (7-1); 2, The Wrestler (12-1); 3, Master Straight (10-1). Petite Mandy 15-8 fav. 12 ran. NR: Clear Pride.
3.15: 1, Royal Casino (6-1); 2, Bletsleigh Bridge (8-1); 3, Strehearn (9-2). Stone Mist 7-2 fav. 13 ran. NR: Queen's Music, Private Craft.
3.45: 1, Wollop (9-2); 2, Corby Glen (13-8 fav); 3, Wheel-em-Boy (10-1). 18 ran.
4.15: 1, Glenal Elm (25-1); 2, Hardy Glen (4-1); 3, Flash Harry (7-2). Durham Lad 15-8 fav. 6 ran.
4.45: 1, Andy Rew (14-1); 2, Black Earl (3-1); 3, Willow Red (4-1). Miss Love 2-1 fav. 18 ran.

First Aintree victim

The Aintree clerk of the course, John Hughes, who will preside over the running of the Grand National, has little incentive to go home after the big race. His house, in Ashtead, Surrey was robbed of everything of value on Thursday, in what he called a "clean sweep".

His wife's car, television, video and a silver trophy valued at £5,000 were taken.

Hereford

2.0 LUGG HURDLE (Div I: Novices: £483: 2m) (17 runners)
6 440 GOLDEN ELDER 7-11-10 ... McKevitt 7
7 300 GREAT OAK 8-11-10 ... Reilly
8 pb MAGGIE-JACK 6-11-10 ... Hyett
11 100 WHISTLING ANGUS 8-11-10 ... Seward 4
12 BENVENUTTI 5-11-7 ... B R Davies
13 p00- GEORGIAN MYTH 5-11-7 ... Shilston
16 0 MASTER OF FUN 5-11-7 ... Warner
18 0 NORTH ROW 5-11-7 ... —
19 PIN UP GIRL 5-11-7 ... Wright
21 020- STONEHENGE 5-11-7 ... Keightley
23 000 SOLARIUM (CD) 4-11-2 ... G Davies 4
25 000 AMBER PALACE 4-10-9 ... Smith
26 000 CANDAULES 4-10-9 ... McNally
29 00 MOUNT OLIVER 4-10-9 ... Carvill
30 000 SHAMU 4-10-9 ... Sims 7
32 000 TELLINGO 4-10-9 ... Liddicoat 5
34 034 WING VELVET 4-10-9 ... O'Hagan 4
7-4 Golden Elder, 11-4 Great Oak, 9-2 North Row, 6 Wing Velvet.

2.30 TEME HURDLE (Opportunity Novice Handicap: £828: 3m 1f) (15)
2 100 DRIVING 7-11-7 ... Lynn 5
4 031 CELTIC TUDOR 6-11-2 ... J Davies
5 000 GOD'S FRESH AIR 5-11-1 ... Williams 5
7 211 NATIVE BREAK 5-10-13 ... Brazier 5
8 000 CHAIR OF KILDARE 7-10-12 ... Nicholls 5
10 000 KILLEEN 7-10-11 ... Connell-Smith 5
13 422 TRENT VALLEY 5-10-8 ... Devor 5
14 300 CELTIC LAUGHTER 5-10-8 ... Stronge
15 100 SIRENIA 5-10-7 ... McKevitt 5
17 210 POLARITA 9-10-7 ... Wall
18 040 ROYAL CLASSIC 5-10-7 ... Wathen 5
19 000 BERULIA 8-10-5 ... Holder 5
21 ppr RED HELMET 8-10-5 ... Sherren 5
22 330 NUNSWALK 5-10-5 ... Liddicoat 5
23 040 MR MONEY BAGS 4-10-5 ... —
2 Trent Valley, 3 Celtic Tudor, 9-2 Polarita, 6 Native Break.

3.0 POLYGLYCOAT CHASE (Handicap: Novices: £1,304: 2m) (9)
1 013 RESTLESS SHOT (D) 7-11-10 ... Mr P Webber
2 310 FRED PILLINER 5-11-7 ... Carvill
8 310 ANIRAMSKY 7-10-5 ... G Davies 4
10 404 INSULATION 8-10-5 ... Hobbs
11 241 PERTON COSTOW 8-10-5 ... Hyett
14 201- GOLDEN RAT 9-10-5 ... Richards
15 00p RIDARRAGH 8-10-5 ... Smith
17 -p02 SINGING SAINT 10-10-5 ... Mr A Sharpe 7
18 4p-p SMALL TOM 8-10-5 ... Barrett 4
2 Restless Shot, 3 Insulation, 9-2 Aniramsky, 11-2 Fred Pilliner.

3.50 MONNOW CHASE (Novices: £768: 3m 1f) (15)
2 410 FABULOUS 9-11-10 ... Carvill
3 0p1 FRIAR TUCK (D) 8-11-10 ... Millman 7
5 000 ARENIG 7-11-0 ... Webb
9 /030 BLUE STREAKER 9-11-0 ... Hyett
16 pf-b FOX BRIDGE 7-11-0 ... O'Halloran
19 0-pp KILLULAGH JACK 11-11-0 ... Barrett 4
21 -f0f LETTERBOX 7-11-0 ... Mann 7
22 00p MAQUISARDE 8-11-0 ... Carvill
23 f0 NAVARO 8-11-0 ... Williams
25 0b PORTABOUGY 7-11-0 ... Mr P Webber
29 pp0 STOKE RIVERS 8-11-0 ... Keightley
30 034 SURELY RIGHT 8-11-0 ... Mr A Sharpe 7
31 pp0 TAMBEAU 8-11-0 ... Charles 4
33 0-0u UPHAM PLEASURE 7-11-0 ... Richards 7
35 003 WILLIAMSON 8-11-0 ... J Davies 7
5-2 Fabulous, 7-2 Upham Pleasure, 4 Surely Right, 11-2 Letterbox.

4.20 FROME CHASE (Div I: £768: 2½m) (11)
2 p01 OLIVER HARDY 7-11-10 ... Keightley
8 p AMPLIFIER 13-11-0 ... Mann 7
12 0f0 BOW BUTTS 7-11-0 ... Kington
15 000 BROTHER GORDON 8-11-0 ... Mr R Savage
22 000 EARLY THIRTIES 8-11-0 ... Warner
26 333 HERIOT 10-11-0 ... Jones
39 4fp SRINAGAR 8-11-0 ... Nicholls 7
40 00-0 STAFF QUARTERS 6-11-0 ... Mr P Webber
45 p0p WESTERN SPRING 8-11-0 ... Candy
46 00f WYCK HILL 10-11-0 ... R F Davies
47 fbf BARGELLO SON 5-10-7 ... Barrett 4
5-4 Oliver Hardy, 9-4 Heriot, 6 Amplifier, 8 Early Thirties.

4.50 LUGG HURDLE (Div II: Novices: £483: 2m) (14)
1 C0-1 BAMBALINI 6-12-3 ... B R Davies
2 041 CHICA'S BEAU 6-12-3 ... Rabourne
3 021 CELTIC HERO 5-12-0 ... Caswell 7
8 000 ETONIAN 7-11-10 ... Wallace 7
9 00-0 FUNKY ANGEL 8-11-10 ... Sims 7
12 00p NEW WELLS 6-11-10 ... Morris
13 p0p PEPS LAST 7-11-10 ... Price 4
15 0 ROAN MELODY 8-11-10 ... Hyett
16 302 RUNWICK PROSPECT 6-11-10 ... McNally
19 204 GOING STRAIT 5-11-7 ... Kington
20 000 HOPTON AMEER 5-11-7 ... Wright 4
25 300 T V STAR 5-11-7 ... Conroy 4
31 -03p MANSURA 4-10-9 ... May
32 440 MARNIE 4-10-9 ... Reilly
7-4 Bambalini, 9-4 Celtic Hero, 4 Chica's Beau, 7 Runwick Prospect.

5.20 FROME CHASE (Div II: Novices: £768: 2½m) (11)
6 00/p ALICE CLARKE 8-11-0 ... Mann 7
11 4u0 BOBTREE 6-11-0 ... McKevitt 7
18 pp CORIACE FUMEE 8-11-0 ... Charles 4
19 b23 COTTAGE RHYTHM 8-11-0 ... Mr A Sharpe 7
21 00-f DURHAM WARRIOR 8-11-0 ... Carvill
23 4u0- GOLD SECRET 7-11-0 ... Keightley
23 f/p KILBARTH 7-11-0 ... O'Hagan 4
31 f/p MATEY 5-11-0 ... Clay
34 f/p PARAGON SQUARE 7-11-0 ... May
35 000 POLLY'S OWEN 7-11-0 ... J Davies 7
41 000/ TEPID TEARS 8-11-0 ... G Davies 4
6-4 Cottage Rhythm, 3 Bobtree, 9-2 Paragon Square, 6 Alice Clarke.

SELECTIONS. — 2.0 North Row, 2.50 Polarita, 3.0 Restless Shot, 3.50 Fabulous 4.20 Oliver Hardy, 4.50 Celtic Hero, 5.20 Cottage Rhythm.

PERSONAL COLUMNS

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

SOLIHULL SCHOOL
(Founded 1560)

A Garden Party to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the School on its present site, will be held on Sunday, 20th June at 2.30 p.m. All former members of the School and their families will be welcome. Further information and tickets (£4 per head) available from the School.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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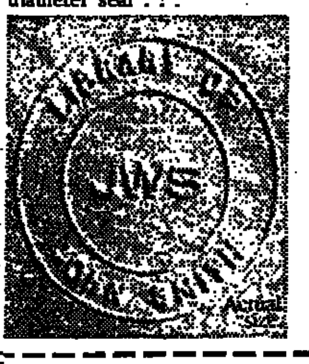
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BBC 1

6.25 Open University: Maids of the Mad Shooter. 6.50 Water for Oxford. 7.15 The Philosophy of Science: 1. 7.40 Drawings of Seurat. 8.05 Punjab to Britain: 1. 8.30 South Riding. *9.05* The Do-it-Yourself Film Animation Show (r). 9.30 Renegade Stallion* starring Champion the Wonder Horse (r). 10.00 Robinson Crusoe* Part one. 10.25 Battle of the Planets. Sci-fi cartoon. 10.50 Film: Trail Street* (1947) starring Randolph Scott. A cowmen versus farmers adventure. 12.12 Weather. 12.15 Grandstand introduced by David Coleman from Aintree. *The line-up is: 12.25 Football Focus; from 1.00* All about the course, the horses and the jockeys taking part in the Grand National; 2.00 Sun Ratings Handicap 'Chase; 2.35 Sun Templegate Hurdle; and at 3.20 The Sun Grand National 3.45 Football half-times.

3.55 Grandstand *continued with* Rugby League — Leeds v Widnes 4.35 Final score.

5.10 Cartoons: Three featuring the Pink Panther.

5.30 News with Michael Sullivan.

5.40 Sport and regional news.

5.45 The Dukes of Hazzard. Sheriff Roscoe is suspected of collusion with the Duke boys.

6.35 Pop Quiz between two teams of musical celebrities introduced by Mike Read. David Essex, Kenny Jones and Carlene Carter take on Jake Burns, John Entwistle and Terry Hall.

7.05 Ken Dodd's Showbiz. Comedy, music and song from Mr Dodd and his guests who include the Swiss musical comedian, *Alfredo.*

7.40 Film: A Gunfight (1970) starring Kirk Douglas and Johnny Cash. The story of two aging *gunfighters who decide to have one* last draw, with spectators paying to watch and the winner taking all.

9.05 Dallas. Another episode in the tawdry tale of Texan oilfolk. Cliff is facing ruination — and alienation from his mother; Ellie is still trying *to come to terms with* Jock's death; but everything is roses for the dastardly J.R.

9.55 News and Sport *from Michael Sullivan.*

10.10 Match of the Day Special introduced by Jimmy Hill. Highlights from one of the two FA Cup semifinals plus another chance to see the Sun Grand National. In addition there is the result of the Goal of the Month competition.

11.20 Parkinson. The final programme in the series and among his many guests are Kenneth Williams, Sammy Cahn and Marian Montgomery.

12.20 Weather.

BBC 2

8.55 Open University: Worker, Scholar or Citizen? 9.20 Admission to the OU Explained. 9.45 ABC in Kansas City: 4. 10.10 Poisons that Paralyse. 10.35 Town and Country. 11:0 Resonance and Damping. 11.25 Genetics. 11.50 Keynes and War Economy. 1.15 Playing with Fire. 12.40 Quantum Theory and Atomic Structure. 1.5 Josh's File. 1.30 A Dependent Future: 2. 1.55 Simulation *Modelling. 2.20 Grammar Rules. 2.45* Instrumentation: Pressure Transducers. 3.10 Closedown. 3.30 *Film: My Life with Caroline** (1941) starring Ronald Colman.

4.50 Film: Never a Dull Moment* (1950) starring Irene Dunne and Fred MacMurray. The story of a successful New York songwriter who marries a rodeo rider and has to learn the ways of a ranchowner's wife

6.15 It's a Lovely Day Tomorrow. An Open Door programme about the Claimants and Unemployed Workers Union

6.45 Did You See . . . ? Commenting this week are Brian Glover (Minder) Denis Donoghue (Omnibus) and Victoria Glendinning (This is Your Life)

7.25 News and Sport.

7.40 *Haydn Festival. H. C. Robbins* Landon introduces the first part of a performance of The Creation by the BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra.

8.30 Discovering Hedgerows.

8.55 News with Michael Sullivan

9.05 Haydn Festival. Part two of The Creation, with soloists *Margaret Marshall* (soprano), Robert Tear (tenor) and Gwynne Howell (baritone).

10.20 Lord Butler. Two days before Lord Butler's Memorial Service Keith Kyle recalls the time he spoke to the man about his early life and Parliamentary career, shortly after his retirement from politics

10.50 The Old Grey Whistle Test introduced by Anne Nightingale, Van Morrison and Rick James live from the *Rockpalast concert.*

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8.35 Sesame Street. *Learn with the Muppets.* 9.35 Space 1999. Science Fiction adventure. The Moonbase Alpha becomes embroiled in a war (r). 10.30 Tiswas. Cartoons, films, pop music and quizzes for the young. Introduced by Sally James. 12.15 World of Sport introduced by Dickie Davies. The line-up is: 12.20 On the Ball with Ian St John; 12.45 Barry Sheene in the Argentine Motor Cycle Grand Prix; 1.00 Darts. *The Arctic Lite Masters;* 1.15 News; The ITV Four from Salisbury. Derek Thompson introduces the 1.30, 2.00, 2.30 and *3.05 races;* 1.40 Drag Racing from Pomona, California; 2.10 2.40 and 3.15 Darts: The closing stages of the Arctic Lite Nations Cup from the Wembley Conference Centre; 3.45 Half-time Football scores and reports.

4.00 World of Sport continued with Wrestling from the Royal Albert Hall. Three bouts including the World Heavyweight Championship between Wayne Bridges and Super Destroyer Pete Roberts. 4.50 Results service.

5.05 News.

5.15 Happy Days. Joanie buys a car to impress Chachi.

5.45 Dick Turpin: The Pursuit. The highwayman is robbed by a mystery footpad and he and *his companion set off in pursuit.*

6.15 Mind Your Language. Comedy series about an English teacher and his foreign students.

6.45 3-2-1 presented by Ted Rogers. The theme this week is Greece and three couples compete for prizes.

7.45 Film: The First Great Train Robbery (1978) starring Sean Connery, Donald Sutherland and Lesley-Anne Down. The story of gentlemen crook Edward Pierce and his plan to rob a bullion train on its way to pay *the troops fighting in the Crimean War.*

9.00 Film: The First Great Train Robbery continued.

9.45 News and Sport.

10.00 International Show-jumping. *The* Birmingham Championships 1982 from the National Exhibition Centre introduced by *Derek Thompson, hot foot from Salisbury.* The commentator is Tom Hudson. Included on the programme are highlights of the Everest Grand Prix.

11.00 OTT. Sketches, jokes and music all of varying quality from a mixture of the previous shows of the series.

12.00 News headlines and then the Johnny Carson Show. His guests are veteran actor Walter Matthau and child star Ricky Schroeder.

12.40 Close



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● IT'S A LOVELY DAY TOMORROW (BBC 2 6.15 pm) is an

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Open Door programme highlighting the fight of a one-man claimant union *in the person of Barnsley's* Joe Kenyon. The title of the programme is taken from a Vera Lynn song of the Forties extolling the virtues of the welfare state where, in a perfect world, no-one would have to live below the breadline if they were unable to work. The reality of today's system whereby the DHSS can withdraw invalidity benefits at the drop of a hat has been the bee in Joe's bonnet for the past dozen years. In the programme the sensible and aggrieved Joe talks about some of the people who are victims of the modern welfare state.

● Saturday Night Theatre's A RIGHT ROYAL RIP-OFF (Radio 4 8.30 pm) is a bright, beautifully scripted follow-up comedy by Wally K. Daly to his Burglar's Bargains. The two heroes of that play are now old lags, resident in one of Her Majesty's Prisons, who have created for themselves a comfortable existence combining the pleasures of the outside world with the homely security of a cell. Their pleasurable life is suddenly jeopardized when they learn they are to be released. In desperation they plan to steal the Crown Jewels while on an outing to the Tower but lunacy intervenes in the shape of a talkative raven (played by the author). An excellent cast is headed by Peter Jones and Lockwood West who play Charles and George with excellent bewilderment. Bernard Bresslaw, in his "I only asked" voice, is perfectly cast as the simple Bullethead as is Charles Hawtry as the feeble Fingers

Radio 4

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6.32 Farming Today.
6.50 Yours Faithfully.
6.55 Weather and Travel.
7.00 News.
7.15 On Your Farm.
7.45 Yours Faithfully.
7.50 It's a Bargain.
7.55 Weather and Travel.
8.00 News.
8.10 Today's Papers.
8.15 Sport.
8.48 Yesterday in Parliament.
8.57 Weather and Travel.
9.00 News.
9.05 Breakaway.
9.50 News Stand.
10.05 The Week in Westminster.
10.30 Daily Service. †
10.45 Pick of the Week. †
11.35 From our own Correspondent.
12.00 News.
12.02 Money Box.
12.27 I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue. †
12.55 *Weather and Programme News.*
1.00 News.
1.10 Any Questions.?
2.00 News.
2.05 Play "Mummy Was Well-Liked" by Donovan O'Malley.
2.35 Medicine Now.
3.05 Wildlife.
3.30 The British Seafarer A history in 26 parts (12). †
4.15 *The Dragon and the Bear (new series) Philip Short contrasts life in China and the Soviet Union in the first of five talks.*
4.30 Does he Take Sugar? A magazine of interest to disabled listeners.
5.00 What Are We *Doing* to The Children? (last in series) How parental separation and divorce affect children
5.25 Week Ending. †
5.55 Weather and Travel.
6.00 News.
6.15 *Desert Island Discs. Castaway:* conductor Richard Armstrong. †
6.55 Stop the Week with Robert Robinson. †
7.35 Baker's Dozen. Richard Baker with records.
8.30 Play. "A right Royal Rip-off" by Wally K. Daly. †
9.58 Weather.
10.00 News.
10.15 Something To Declare (series) Travellers Tales (4) "A Tale of Two Island" talk by Bernard Jackson.
11.00 Lighten Our Darkness. An evening meditation in words and music.
11.15 Stop the Week. With Robert Robinson. †
12.00 News and Weather.

Radio 3

7.55 Weather.
8.00 News.
8.05 Aubade. Ravel; records, including mono.†
9.00 News.
9.05 Record Review.†
10.15 Stereo Release. New records: Bach, Dvorak.†
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7.20 Elective Affinities (new series) by Goethe, abridged for radio in five parts ⅛).
7.45 Commedia. Opera in four acts by Edward Cowie. A recording of the New Opera Company's British premiere production. Acts 1 and 2.†
9.20 Livings. Poetry readings on the theme of "teachers".
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Radio 2

5.00 Tony Brandon.† 8.05 David Jacobs.† 10.00 Leo Sayer.† 11.03 Steve Jones.† 1.00pm The News Huddlines. 1.30 Sport *on* 2: Racing: 3.20 Sun Grand National; Football, FA Cup Semi-final; Rugby Union; Rugby League. 6.00 Country Greats in *Concert. 7.00 Beat The Record.* 7.30 Big Band Special.† 8.00 Saturday Night is Gala Night.† 10.00 Nordring 81. 11.10 Pete Murray.† 2.00-5.00am You and the Night and the Music.†

Radio 1

5.00 As Radio 2. 7.00 Wake up to the Weekend. 8.00 Tony Blackburn. 10.00 Paul Burnett. 1.00pm Adrian Juste.† 2.00 A King in New York.† *2.05 Paul* Gambaccini.† 4.00 Walter's Weekly.† 5.00 Rock On.† 6.30 In Concert.† 7.30 Close.

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REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

BBC 1

BBC CYMRU/WALES 5.40 pm-5.45 Sports News Wales. 12.20 Weather. SCOTLAND 9.05 am-9.30 Mag is Mog. 5.40 pm-5.45 Scoreboard. 10.10-11.20 Sportscene: Football: Highlights of today's semi-finals. 12.20 am News and weather. NORTHERN IRELAND 5.00 pm-5.10 Scoreboard. 5.40-5.45 Northern Ireland News. 12.20 am News and weather. ENGLAND 5.40 pm-5.45 South-West: Spotlight Sport. 12.25 am Close.

CHANNEL

As London except: Starts 12.15 pm World of Sport. 5.15 Here's Boomer. 5.40-5.45 Puffin's pla(l)ce. 12.00 Video Sounds: Siouxie and the Banshees. 12.30 am Closedown.

TYNE TEES

As London except: Starts 9.00 am Film: Operation Bullshine (Donald Sinden) Comedy about women descending on remote military outpost. 10.20-10.30 Cartoon. 12.13 pm-12.15 News. 5.15 News. 5.17-5.45 Mr *Merlin.* 12.00 Bales Car Sweet as a Nut. 12.15 am Three's Company. 12.30 Closedown.

TVS

As London except: Starts 9.00 am Saturday Brief. 9.05 Sesame Street. 10.00-10.30 Sport Billy. 5.15 News. 5.20-5-45 Mr Merlin. 12.00 Barney Miller. 12.30 am Compnay, followed by Closedown.

HTV

As London except: Starts. 9.15 Adventures of Black Beauty. 9.40-10.30 Thunderbirds. 12.13 pm-12.15 News. 5.15-5.45 Mr Merlin. 12.00 Closedown.

HTV CYMRU/WALES

As HTV West except: 9.15 am-9.40 Razzmatazz. 5.15-5.45 Sión a Siân.

Carlene Carter: BBC 1 6.35pm

ANGLIA

As London except: Starts 9.00 am Sesame Street. 10.00-10.30 Sport Billy. 5.15 pm-5.45 Mr Merlin. 12.00 Barney Miller. 12.30 am At the End of the Day, followed by Closedown.

YORKSHIRE

As London except: Starts 9.00 am-10.30 Film: Busman's Honeymoon* (Robert Montgomery) Lord Peter Wimsey thriller about murder at a *honeymoon cottage. 5.15-5.45 Mr* Merlin. 12.00 That's Hollywood. 12.30 am Closedown.

GRANADA

As London except: Starts 9.20 am Spiderman. 9.40-10.30 Thunderbirds. 5.15 pm Cartoon. 5.20-6.15 Chips. *12.00 Film: Hand of Night. Man* is haunted by a beautiful woman and discovers her likeness in the tomb of an Egyptian princess. 1.25 am Closedown.

TSW

As London except: Starts 9.05 am *Wheelie and the Chopper Bunch.* 9.30 The Saturday Show. 10.30 Incredible Hulk. 11.20 Survival. 11.45 University *Challenge: Dundee versus Balliol* College, Oxford. 12.12 pm-12.15 News. 5.15 Here's Boomer. 5.40-5.45 Newsport. 12.00 Video Sounds: Souxie and the Banshees. 12.30 am Postscript. 12.36 Closedown.

CENTRAL

As London except: Starts. 9.05 am Sesame Street. 10.05-10.30 Falcon Island: New adventure series about an Australian fishing community. 5.15 pm-5.45 Mr Merlin. 12.00 Closedown.

BORDER

As London except: Starts 9.35 am-*10.30 Space 1999. 5.15-5.45 Mr* Merlin. 12.00 Closedown.

GRAMPIAN

As London except: Starts 9.05 am Sesame Street. 10.05-10.30 Joe 90. 5.15 pm-5.45 Mr Merlin. 12.00 Reflections. 12.05 am Dolly: Dolly Parton country singer. 12.30 Closedown.

ULSTER

As London except: Starts 10.00 am-10.30 Stingray 5.00 pm-5.05 Sports Results. 5.13 News. 5.15-5.45 Mr Merlin. 11.00 Gloria Plus: with Gloria Hunniford. 12.00 News at Bedtime, Closedown.

SCOTTISH

As London except: Starts 9.15 am Vicky the Viking. 9.40-10.30 Thunderbirds. 5.15 pm-5.45 Mr Merlin. 12.00 Late Call. 12.05 am That's Hollywood: Swash Bucklers. 12.30 Closedown.

BBC 1

6.25 Open University: The Einstein Tower 6.50 The Mindful Way 7.15 Home: Castle or Cage 7.40 The Fall and Rise of the Small Baker 8.05 Earned Income 8.30 The Parliamentary Expenditure Committee *8.55 Closedown 9.00 Trumpton (r)* 9.15 Nazi Zindagi Naya Jeevan. For Asian viewers 9.45 Supervisors. Part 3: I'm in Charge 10.10 The *Computer Programme (r) 10.35 The Engineers (r)* 11.00 Sunday Worship from St Helier Methodist Central Hall, Morden, Surrey 12.05 Rites of *Spring. The delights and mysteries of the season* (r) 12.55 Farming 1.25 Paint! An interior view (r) 1.50 News headlines 1.55 Film: They Died with *their Boots On** (1941) starring *Errol Flynn* as General Custer in a story about the events that led to his death at the battle of Little Big Horn. The strong cast includes Olivia De Havilland, Sydney Greenstreet and Anthony Quinn as Crazy Horse. The director is Raoul Walsh.

4.10 Bonanza: Rainmakers fail in their job and are threatened by the local community

5.00 The Onedin Line. Part four of the story of an early shipping company (r)

5.50 News with Michael Sullivan

6.00 Antiques Roadshow presented by Hugh Scully with Arthur Negus: This evening they visit Winchester

6.40 *Songs of Praise* From *Wells Cathedral* introduced by Geoffrey Wheeler

7.15 Open All Hours. Sit-com about a corner shop run by Ronnie Barker and David Jason

7.45 Film: Sunshine (1973) starring Cristina Raines and Cliff DeYoung. Kate has *eventually found happiness after a* disasterous marriage, but suddenly a nagging pain comes to her leg. Have a *handkerchief nearby*

9.00 *Film: Sunshine* continued

9.45 Omnibus presented by Barry Norman. Two items tonight. A look at the Royal Shakespeare Company rehearsing their new production of Macbeth for the Stratford season, directed by Howard Davies; and we see the Welsh National Opera working on Bellini's I Puritani, an account of the English Civil War

10.35 News

10.45 Choices. Members of the public explain a crucial decision of conscience they have had to make. The conclusions they have drawn enables them to put a proposition to the panel of Rachel Heyhoe-Flint, Nicolas Stacey and Alex Lyon, MP. In the chair is Libby Purves.

11.20 The Sky at Night. When Planets Loop the Loop explained by Patrick Moore

11.40 Pete Sayers Entertains *at the Snape* Maltings. His guests are Jim Rooney (banjo), Bill Keith (guitar) and Pete Rowan (mandolin)

12.05 Weather

BBC 2

8.55 Open University: The End of the Line? 9.20 M101/7 Functions and Graphs. *9.45 Sundials.* 10.10 Mineral Processing. 10.35 Control of Education. 11.00 *Intermediary* Metabolism. 11.25 Computing: Sorting. 11.50 Water Masses. 12.15 *Maths: Complex* Functions. 12.40 Cells and Organisms. 1.05 Conceptual Models in Stratigraphy. 1.30 Which Way to Turn? 1.55 Closedown. 2.05 Horizon: The Private Face of Medicine. The future of the NHS. 2.55 Global Report. An *Alternative Account* of 1981. Newsworthy stories that didn't make the news. Part one. 3.55 Fou Ts'Ong (piano) plays Chopin's Nocturne, Op posth.

4.00 Global Report. Part two. (Part one is at 2.55).

5.00 Rugby Special. Highlights from yesterday's John Player Cup semifinal between Coventry and Gloucester.

6.00 News Review.

6.30 The Money Programme. *Would* the lifting of restrictions governing car imports mean *disaster of Britain's industry?*

7.15 The World About Us. Tibet: The Lost Mystery.

8.05 Nancy Astor. Episode eight. The German Ambassador is a week-end guest to Cliveden which gives fuel to those who think the Astors are pro-Nazi (r).

8.55 News with Michael Sullivan.

9.00 The Much Loved Music Show. Owain Arwel Hughes conducts the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra in works by Beethoven, Bizet, Delibes, Haydn, Mozart, Puccini, Rossini, Schubert and Verdi. The soloists are Yvonne Kenny and John Treleaven.

9.45 Film: A Lion is in the Streets (1953) starring James Cagney *and Barbara Hale. The story of* a small town businessman who wants to improve the lot of the *local exploited citizenry. His* ambition spurs him into a powerful position but then he himself becomes corrupted by those he is fighting.

11.10 Peggy Lee Entertains. A "special" in which the singer takes a musical journey over her forty year career (r). Ends at 12.00.

ITV/LONDON

9.05 Me and My Camera. Photographing Events (r) 9.30 Cartoon Time 9.45 God's Story. Paul Copley with the story of Samuel and Saul 10.00 God Help Me introduced by Cindy Kent 10.30 But What Do You Really Believe? Gillian Reynolds talks to Benedictine nun, Sister Maria Boulding 11.00 Getting On. Adult education 11.30 Stingray. Space-age cartoon adventures (r) 12.00 Weekend World introduced by Brian Walden. The subject is Northern Ireland and Jim Prior's initiative 1.00 *Police 5* with *Shaw Taylor* 1.15 Cartoon Time 1.30 Skin. *Brixton a year after the riots* 2.00 News headlines followed by University Challenge 2.30 The Big Match. *Highlights from one of yesterday's* FA Cup semifinals and a Division One game 3.30 Caribou The Endless Journey. A Survival Special about the migration of caribou *from Canada and* Alaska to the Arctic Tundra where they spend their summer. The cameras follow one herd on the 2,000 mile round trip. The narrator *is* Patrick Allen

4.00 Survival Special: Caribou-The Endless Journey continued.

4.30 International Show-jumping. *Live* coverage of the competition to see who will represent Europe in the World Cup.

5.30 Sale of the Century. The first in a new series of 13 quiz shows introduced by *Nicholas Parsons.*

6.00 Love. Dr Jack Dominian takes a look at love in the middle years of life.

6.30 News.

6.40 Sunday Best. A programme of enlightenment introduced by Frank Topping.

7.15 Father Charlie. Comical tale about a priest *in a convent.*

7.45 Hart to Hart: Hawaii murder.

8.45 News.

9.00 *A Kind of Loving by Stan Barstow. The first* of a ten episode serial about the life of draughtsman, Vic Brown, set in the late *fifties in the West Riding. Tonight his fancy* leads him into courtship with pretty Ingrid. Starring Clive Wood and Joanne Whalley.

10.00 Whoops Apocalypse. A comic interpretation of the events that might lead to a Third World War. Episode four: Lucifer and the Lord.

10.30 The South Bank Show introduced by Melvyn Bragg. As part of the Festival of India the programme has been dedicated to the Indian tradition of Wallpainting. The *cameras went* to Bihar with its mud walls and floors; to Rajasthan; and to Madras for the huge hand-painted cinema boardings.

11.30 News headlines *followed by Carmina* Burana.

12.30 Vet. John Spear takes a look at dogs (r).

1.00 Close with Tony Bridge; The Dean of Guildford.



Joanna Whalley as Ingrid (ITV 9.00pm)

● THE LOST MYSTERY — THE *TIBET YOU'LL NEVER SEE* (BBC2 7.15pm) is a remarkable collection of amateur films taken by succesive *British* missions to Lhasa from the beginning of the century until the Chinese invasion of 1950. Simon Normanton, the producer, has done sterling work *tracking down these largely* unseen films (in fact, only 5% of them have been seen on television). His three-year task has produced a picture of a medieval country dominated by monks, monasteries and living Buddhas. Although a lot of the film is in colour *it is understandably not up* to the standard we usually associate with television but the grandeur of the Forbidden City is still breathtaking. Normanton also traced some of the people who

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took these films and their accounts of their journeys and explanations of the film bring to life the beauty *of the mystery country* of which Westerners have had only a glimpse.

● Vic Brown, the *hero of Stan* Barstow's twenty-year old best seller A KIND OF LOVING (ITV 9.00pm) has been re-born in a ten-part serial adapted by Barstow *from his three books* about the man — A Kind of Loving; Watcher on the Shore and Right True End. The serial begins in *the Fifties with* Vic, played confidently by the relatively unknown Clive Wood, meeting Ingrid (Joanna Whalley) a secretary at the engineers where he works as a draughtsman. Confident bachelorhood slowly slips away and by the end of a successful first episode they are 'going steady'. Look out for a *lively cameo performance* by Angela Curran as Dorothy, Ingrid's bitchy friend.

● THE OTHER SIDE OF SILENCE (Radio 4 7.02pm) is a new eight-part serial adapted from the best selling novel by the author, Ted Allbeury. James Powell is a British spy who is sent to Moscow. Here he meets for the first time he notorious Kim *Philby. He is* suprisingly homesick and makes tentative overtuers towards repatriation. James Bolan and Nigel Hawthorne head the cast *with Christopher* Venning directing with a deft touch and a gently humerous eye.

Radio 4

6.30 Morning Has Broken.
6.55 Weather and Travel.
7.00 News.
8.0 News.
8.10 Sunday Papers.
8.15 Sunday.
8.50 Week's Good Cause.
8.55 Weather and Travel.
9.00 News.
9.15 Letter from America.
9.30 Morning Service.
10.15 *The Archers.*
11.15 Weekend.
11.35 Falkland Isles.
12.00 Smash of the Day: "I'm Sorry I'll Read That Again."
12.30 The Food Programme.
12.55 Weather and Programme News.
1.00 The World This Weekend.
2.00 News.
2.02 Gardeners' Question Time visits Cheshire.
2.30 Play: Dark Heritage by Catherine Hughes. †
4.00 News.
4.02 Origins (new series) Learn Latin — Get On In Life. A look at how the Romans established a beaurocratic organization in Britain.
4.30 The Living World.
5.00 News and Travel.
5.05 Down Your Way visits Dulverton, Somerset.
5.55 Weather.
6.00 News.
6.15 You The Jury (new series) Current and controversial issues are put on trial before an audience. †
7.00 Travel and Programme News.
7.02 The Other Side of Silence (new series) *A serial by Ted Allbeury* in eight episodes. †
7.30 Bookshelf. Magazine programme about books.
8.00 John of Winchester (last in series) John Taylor, Bishop of Winchester in conversation with Richard Harries, Dean of King's College London. †
8.30 Music to Remember Schubert. †
8.00 News.
9.02 *Ann Veronica (new series) by* H. G. Wells (in 3 parts). †
9.58 Weather.
10.00 News.
10.15 With Great Pleasure John Alderson, Chief Constable of *Devon and Cornwall with his favourite poetry and prose.* †
11.00 All our Yesteryears. The Chief *Rabbi gives a talk as the* Passover Festival approaches.
11.15 Inside Parliament.
12.00 News and Weather.

ENGLAND: VHF with it except: 6.55-7.55am Open University 1.55-2.00pm Programme News. 4.00-6.00 Study on 4.

Radio 3

7.55 Weather.
8.00 News.
8.05 Schnabel's Schubert. Records.
9.00 News.
9.05 Your Concert Choice Record requests: Respighi, Haydn, Mendelssohn, Glazunov.†
10.30 *Music Weekly*†
11.20 National Symphony Orchestra of Washington Concert. Part 1: Walton, *Beethoven.*†
12.00 Words. Talk by Peter Levi (1).
12.05 Concert Part 2: Shostakovich.†
1.00 Walton Chamber music recital.†
2.00 A Mozart Quintet Recital.†
2.30 Bach: St John Passion A performance conducted by John Eliot Gardiner (sung in German), including 3.10-3:20* Interval Reading.†
4.45 The Bishop Short story by Anton Chekov.†
5.10 BBC Northern Symphony Orchestra Concert: Szymanowski, Scriabin, Rachmaninov.†
6.10 *Beethoven Chamber music* recital.†
7.15 The Passion of Young Werther An adaptation for radio of the novel by Goethe.†
9.00 College Concerts (last in series) Part 1: Charles Wuorinen, Jeremy Dale Roberts.†
9.55 Interval Reading.
10.00 Concert, part 2: David Del Tredici.
10.35 Lassus Tenebrae Responds, and the Penitential Psalm No 7†
11.00 News.
11.05-11.15 Vaughan Williams.†
VHF ONLY — 5.55am-7.55 and 11.20pm-1.00am OPEN UNIVERSITY.

Radio 2

5.00 am Tony Brandon† 7.30 Nick Page† 9.00 David Jacobs† 11.00 Two's Best† 12.00 Desmond Carrington† 1.30 pm The Random Jottings of Hinge and Bracket† 2.00 Benny Green† 3.00 Alan Dell† 4.00 Sing Something Simple† 4.30 String Sound† 5.00 Comedy Classics: "The Navy Lark". 5.30 Charlie Chester. *6.30 Strictly Instrumental (new series).* 7.00 Let's Get Together. 7.30 Glamorous Nights. 8.30 Sunday Half-Hour. 9.00 Your 100 Best Tunes. 10.00 European Pop Jury† 11.07 Pete Murray† 2.00-5.00 am You and the Night and the Music†

Radio 1

8.00 Tony Blackburn. 10.00 Rosko (new series). 12.30 Jimmy Savile. 2.30 Studio B15. 4.00 Paul Gambaccini. 5.00 Top 40.† 7.00 The Record Producers.† 8.00 Sounds Jazz.† 10.00 Close. VHF Radios 1 and 2 5.00 with Radio 2. 5.00 with Radio 1. 10.00-5.00 with Radio 2.

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REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

BBC 1

CYMRU/WALES 8.55 am-9.50 Yr Awr Fawr. 9.50-10.50 Bys a Bawd (Puppets). 10.05-10.35 Nia Zindagi Naya Jeevan. 12.55 pm-1.25 Farming in Wales. 1.55-2.20 The Computer Programme (3). 2.20-2.50 Stalky and Co. 2.50-4.10 Sports line-up: Rugby Union and Amateur Boxing. 12.05 am-12.20 The Hope of Glory: Mass from St Luke's Church, Cardiff. 12.20 News and weather. SCOTLAND: 12.55 pm-1.25 Landward. 1.25-1.50 Agenda. 10.45-11.20 Voyager (North Uist). 11.40 News and weather. NORTHERN IRELAND: 12.05 am News and weather. ENGLAND: 12.10 am Close.

GRANADA

As London except: Starts 9.30 am-9.45 Poetry of Landscape. 11.00 Me *and My Camera. 11.25 Aap Kaa Hak.* 11.30-12.00 Down to Earth. 1.00 pm University Challenge. 1.30 240 Robert. 2.25 Match Time. 3.30-4.30 World's Greatest Escapes. 7.15-8.15 Hart to Hart. 11.30 Parents and Teenagers. 12.00 Benson. 12.30 am Closedown.

CENTRAL

As London except: Starts 9.20 am Me And My Camera. 9.50-10.00 God's Story. 11.30-12.00 Gardening Time. 1.00 pm University Challenge. 1.30 Here And Now. 2.00 Benson. 2.30 Star Soccer. 3.30-4.30 Chips. 7.15 Father Charlie. 7.45-8.45 Hart to Hart. 11.30 Carmina Burara. 12.25 am Closedown.

YORKSHIRE

As London except: Starts 9.00 am Getting On. 9.25 Incredible World of Adventure. 9.35-10.00 Bubblies. 11.00 Me and my Camera. 11.30-12.00 Farming Diary. 1.00 pm God's Story. *1.15 University Challenge.* 1.45 Calendar. 2.10 New Fred and Barney Show. 2.30 Big Game. 3.30-4.30 Chips. 7.15-8.15 Hart to Hart. 11.30 Carmina Burana. 12.30 am Five Minutes. 12.25 Closedown.

CHANNEL

As London except: Starts 2.05 pm-2.30 Gardens for all. 3.30 Adventures of Black Baeuty. 4.00-4.30 Mr and Mrs. 5.30-6.00 Gambit. 7.15-8.15 Hawaii Five-O. 11.30 Bizarre. 12.00 Epilogue followed by Closedown.

TYNE TEES

As London except: Starts 9.00 am Getting On. 9.30-10.30 Me and My Camera. 11.00 Lookaround. 11.02 Beachcombers. 11.30 Cartoon. 11.45 God's Story. 11.58-12.00 News. 1.00 pm University Challenge. *1.30* Farming Outlook. 2.00 Parents and Teenagers. 2.30 Shoot. 3.30-4.30 Incredible Hulk. *7.15 Father Charlie. 7.45-8.45 Hart to* Hart. 11.30 Robson's Choice: Bobby Robson, football manager. 12.30 am Epilogue.

HTV

As London except: Starts 8.45 am-9.45 Sesame Street. 11.30-12.00 Me *And My Camera. 1.00 pm University* Challenge. 1.30 Farming Diary. 2.00-2.30 Vicky The Vicking. 3.30-4.30 *Chips. 7.15-8.15 Hart to Hart.* 11.30 Bizarre. 12.00 Closedown.

HTV CYMRU/WALES

As HTV West except: 2.00 pm-2.30 The Muppet Show: Marty Feldmen, 5.30 Tdrwy Lygaid llanc. 6.00-6.30 Sale Of The Century.

TSW

As London except: Starts 9.25 am My Faith in the Cross. 9.30-10.00 Getting On. 11.00 Me and my Camera. 11.30-12.00 South West Week. 1.00 pm Voyage around Great Britain. 1.30 Farming News. 2.00 Golf Doctor. 2.05-2.30 Gardens for All. 4.00-4.30 Mr and Mrs. 5.30-6.00 Gambit. 7.15-8.15 Hawaii Five-O. 11.30 Bizarre. 12.00 Postscript. 12.06 am Closedown.

BORDER

As London except: Starts 9.20 am Me And My Camera. 11.30-12.00 Gardening Time. 1.00 pm Untamed World. 1.30 Farming Outlook. 2.00-2.30 History of the Car. 3.30 Border *Diary. 3.35-4.30 Chips. 7.15 Father* Charlie. 7.45-8.45 Hart to Hart. 11.30 Carmina Burara. 12.30 am Closedown.

TVS

As London except: Starts 9.20 am Me and My Camera. 9.50-10.00 God's Story. 11.30-12.00 Stingray. 1.00 pm *Mr and Mrs. 1.30 Farm Focus.* 2.00 Universit Challenge. 2.30 Sunday Sportshow. 3.30 Radio. 4.25-4.30 News. 5.30-6.00 Gambit. 7.15 Father Charlie. 7.45-8.45 Hart to Hart. 11.35 Nero Wolfe. 12.30 am Company, Closedown.



John Cleese: ITV 10.00pm

ANGLIA

As London except: Starts 9.30 am-10.00 Paint along with Nancy. 11.30 Me and My Camera. 1.00 pm God's Story. 1.15 European Folk Tales. 1.30 Weather. 1.35 Farming Diary. 2.05 *Cartoon. 2.30 Match of the Week.* 3.30 Mork and Mindy. 4.00-4.30 Country People. 7.15-8.15 Hart to Hart. 11.30 Carmina Burana. 12.25 am Davidson File.

GRAMPIAN

As London except: Starts 9.15 am Seachd Laithean. 9.30 Me and My *Camera. 10.00 Morning Worship.* 10.15 God's Story. 10.30-11.00 History Makers: Greeks. 11.30-12.00 Gardening Time. 1.00 pm University Challenge. 1.30 Farming Outlook. 2.00 Unaccustomedd As I Am . . . 3.00 Black Beauty. 3.30-4.30 Scotsport. 7.15-8.15 Hart to Hart. 11.30 Robson's Choice: Bobby Robson, football manager. 12.30 Reflections. 12.35 Closedown.

ULSTER

As London except: Starts 11.00 am Me and My Camera—. 11.30-12.00 Gardening Time. 12.58 pm News. 1.00 God's Story. 1.15 University Challenge. 1.45 Bygones. 2.15-2.30 Cartoon. 3.30-4.30 *Thunderbirds.* 7.15-8.15 Hart to Hart. 11.30 Sports Results. 11.35 News at Bedtime, Closedown.

SCOTTISH

As London except: Starts 9.05 am Me and My Camera. 9.30 Love. 10.00-*11.00 Sesame Street.* 11.30-12.00 About Gaelic. 1.00 pm Sunday Service. 1.30 Farming Outlook. 2.00 *God's Story.* 2.15 University Challenge. 2.45 Glen Michael Cavalcade. 3.30-4.30 Scotsport. 11.30 *Late Call. 11—35 New Avengers.* 12.30 am Closedown.

WHAT THE SYMBOLS MEAN: † STEREO * BLACK AND WHITE: (r) REPEAT.

THE TIMES ★★★★★ First Published 1785

To call the Grand National a horse race is to call the Whitbread Round-the-World a boat race. The National is a tradition, an institution, a lottery, a spectacle, the cruellest test of horse and jockey on the racing calendar, and the best known jumping race in the world.

That it is so tough is only an accurate reflection of the sport's origins, when Ascendant Irish gentlemen in Clare and Roscommon would dare each other to "pounding matches" across the stiffest country they could find, the winner being he who pounded his adversary to a standstill. The refinement of chasing steeples was merely putting the same daredevil sport on a fixed course.

The National is a race for common men and true sportsmen, relatively untainted by the smell of old family and new money that pervades so much of the Flat. It was so in 1839 when William Lynn, proprietor of the Waterloo Hotel nearby, leased land from the second Earl of Sefton and staged his first Grand Liverpool Steeplechase at Aintree.

With a frisson of distaste the *Liverpool Mercury* reported: "As early as nine o'clock the road leading to Aintree was crowded with pedestrians of the usual class, including pie-men, chimney sweeps, cigar sellers, thimble riggers and all the small fry of gaming table keepers."

But the snobbish *Mercury* had stronger objections: "It was no doubt a very exciting spectacle, but we can no more be reconciled to it on that account than we are to cockfighting, bullbaiting, or any other popular pastime which is attended with the infliction of wanton torture to any living being." They presumably meant the horses, not the unlucky punters.

For the record, that first race was won by Lottery, a well-named nine-year-old whose party trick was to jump over the luncheon table of his owner, Mr Elmore, without knocking the sugar. Another rider, Captain Becher, was unseated at a three-foot jump and hid in a brook near by while the rest of the field jumped over him, thus ensuring himself immortality.

Seventeen runners went to the post that first day to tackle the four miles and 29 jumps, including three brooks and a terrifying five-foot stone wall in front of the stands. The wall was too severe even for Aintree, and was soon replaced by a water jump.

But today's course, 4 miles 856 yards, with 30 jumps, remains the toughest anywhere. During the Great War a substitute National was run for three years at Gatwick, and was a pale shadow of the real thing. If Aintree were to close and the event were to move to Doncaster, as has been suggested by the Jockey Club, it would be a different and lesser race, whatever it was named.

Recent threats of closure have produced by no means the first Last Grand National, nor will it be the Last. Doubt has clouded its future ever since Lord Sefton sold Aintree to Tophams in 1949, and those who love the race must hope that Red Rum's proposed world tour to raise money for the Jockey Club's appeal to buy the course will be as successful as other ageing superstars like Sinatra.

The Grand National thrills for its unpredictability, and not merely for the kind of unforseeable calamity which struck the 1967 race, when most of the field fell in a heap leaving Foinavon to find a way home, the first 100-1 winner since 1947.

It thrills, too, because it is the supreme test of courage for horse and jockey, [illegible] race for mature mounts.

Big horses, [illegible] big jockeys. The heaviest jockey [illegible]er to win this race of heavyweight[illegible] was Ernie Piggott, grandfather of [illegible]ester, who brought in two winne[illegible] with 12 stone 7 pounds on thei[illegible]acks. He had a third win, in 1918, b[illegible] that was easy; Ernie was down to 11 [illegible]one 6 that year.

The courage [illegible]quired of man and beast was nev[illegible] better exemplified than last year [illegible]en Bob Champion, who had foug[illegible] and won his own personal battl[illegible] with cancer, and Aldaniti, which [illegible] months before had been declared [illegible]nfit ever to race again, went [illegible]t and conquered Aintree in 9 m[illegible]utes 47.20 seconds. The National is [illegible]ke that: never short on human inte[illegible]t.

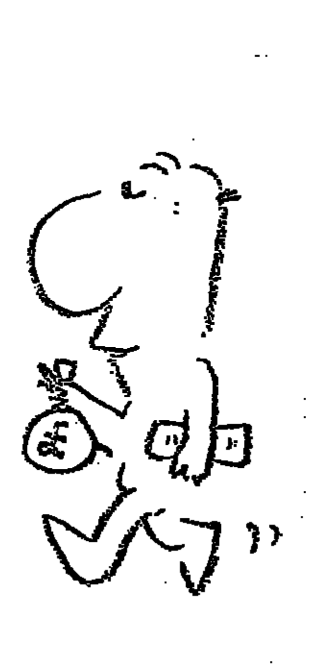
Nor indeed [illegible]hort on the four-legged equiva[illegible]t. Not since Golden Miller, the sta[illegible]udded steeplechaser of the thirties, did a horse attract quite such a public following as the miraculous Red Rum, still the only three-times winner of the National, and with two second places thrown in for good measure. And just to gild the lily, Red Rum holds the National time record of 9 minutes 1.9 seconds.

Last year's winning owner took home £51,324 in prize money, but there are few who go National Hunt racing — be they owners, trainers, or jockeys — for the financial rewards. Jumping is a sport for sportsmen, and a spectacle for those who watch. Apart from anything else, the National actually *lasts* longer than almost any other race, whereas you could almost blow your nose and miss the Derby.

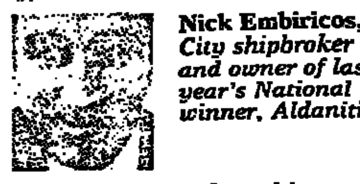
And of all the classic races, jumping or flat, none offers a greater test of the skill, endurance and courage of man and beast than the Grand National.

Alan Hamilton reports on the most thrilling steeplechase in the British racing calendar

The charge of the Aintree brigade



THE OWNER



Nick Embiricos, *City shipbroker and owner of last year's National winner, Aldaniti*

"Every owner has his own private dream of the race he would most like to win; the National was my own dream for many years.

"As a teenager I knew Tommy Smith, the American amateur jockey, in Virginia. When he came over in 1965 to *ride Jay Trump in the* National I met him again and saw him in the winner's enclosure after his victory. The excitement was tremendous, and I knew then where my own sights were set.

"I never thought Aldaniti would win. It was just a fantastic feeling to get that horse and Bob Champion, the jockey, on the course, after all the tribulations they had both been through. My heart was in my mouth when I saw the size *of the Aintree* fences close up.

"It would be easy for an owner, after winning, to let it all go to his head. But the owner is just incidental; it's a training and riding feat.

"I'm in it for the sport, not the money; National Hunt owners have to be, on the whole. The National prize money will cover Aldaniti's costs for life, but a gelding's value does not increase much, even after winning the National; you don't get much in breeding fees from a *gelding*."

THE TRAINER



Josh Gifford, *trainer of eight Grand National runners including last year's winner Aldaniti*

"The National is quite simply the greatest race in the world, with a world-wide following. It's every trainer's ambition to have a horse good enough to run in it.

"Its attraction is its uncertainty. Everybody who sets off has a chance of winning. *Seventy-five per* cent of the time it's the best horses that win it, but the outsiders have a better chance than in most other big races.

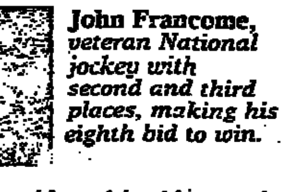
"I might have three or four horses in training at any one time that would be capable of the National. I would only run a horse that I was certain could manage the course, *and I would* only run one I knew would enjoy jumping it.

"I would not keep a horse out because *I* was afraid of *him* being injured. A horse could be injured in any race; that's just a chance you have to take.

"You have to have a horse that jumps in the right style, and has the stamina. But apart from that, they get no special training for the National that my other horses wouldn't get.

"Winning the National is the greatest professional satisfaction a trainer can possibly have. You go down in the history books, and it's something your family can treasure for ever."

THE JOCKEY



John Francome, *veteran National jockey with second and third places, making his eighth bid to win.*

"[illegible]e trouble with Aintree is th[illegible] you only get two chances in [illegible]he year to ride the course, th[illegible] Topham Trophy and the N[illegible]ional itself.

"The fences are unique. T[illegible]y've got spruce in them; t[illegible]y're green instead of black. N[illegible]where else in the country do y[illegible] get fences like that. A[illegible]tree is unique in other w[illegible]ys; that run-in at the end is b[illegible]ger than at any other course [illegible]now.

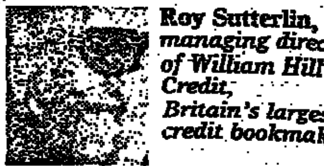
"I don't really worry about [illegible]ing in the National more [illegible]n other races. It's just part [illegible] the job. I've had a couple of [illegible]ls in it, but you can have a [illegible]sty fall in any race. The [illegible]ggest risk to a jockey in the [illegible]tional is loose horses getting [illegible] the way.

"Winning the National is [illegible]arvellous, of course, but to a [illegible]ckey it's work, and you can't [illegible]fford to worry too much that [illegible]ou might get hurt; I certainly [illegible]on't. It's all a question of what [illegible]ou're used to. I'm not terrified [illegible]y Aintree, but you would [illegible]ever get me up a ski jump.

"And it's not a race that calls [illegible]or special skill from the [illegible]ockey. What you need is the [illegible]ight mount, and a lot of luck.

"Is the National my favourite [illegible]ace? That depends what mount [illegible]'ve got."

THE BOOKMAKER



Roy Sutterlin, *managing director of William Hill Credit, Britain's largest credit bookmaker*

"On actual bets placed, the Grand National is the biggest race of the year. We probably take more money on the Derby, where the bets are fewer but bigger. The other day I took a £2,000 bet on the National; that's big for that race.

"We open our shops an hour early on National day to catch the early morning shoppers, but it's not really a great race for the bookmakers; if any of the favoured runners wins, we will probably lose.

"There are always a lot of horses in the National which, barring the unforeseen, have no chance of winning at all. But the unforeseen happens more often in this than in most other races.

"Foinavon at 100-1 was the last rank outsider to win, in 1967. Every other winner since then has been a fancied horse.

"The big gamblers don't usually touch it, because it's too much of a lottery; a runner can be brought down by a loose horse all too easily. But the small punters love it; it's a spectacle as much as a race, the media give it a big build-up, there's usually a gimmick like a grandfather or a lady riding, and it lasts a good 10 minutes."

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements

Princess Margaret, Colonel-in-chief, the Royal Highland Fusiliers, opens new TA centre at Shawfield, Glasgow, 11.

New exhibitions

Selection from Swindon permanent art collection, Museum and Art Gallery, Bath Road, Swindon; Mon to Sat, 10 to 6, Sun 2 to 5 (until April 25).

Paintings and sculpture by Ger Van Elk, Arnolfini, Narrow Quay, Bristol; Tues to Sat, 11 to 8; closed Mon and Sun (until May 15).

Paintings by Alan Smallwood, Eton Art Gallery, 58 High Street, Eton; Mon to Sun, 10 to 12.30 and 2 to 5; closed Tuesdays (until April 23).

Picasso posters, posters advertising exhibitions of Picasso's work from 1948 onwards, Museum and Art Gallery, Newport, Gwent; Mon to Fri, 10 to 5.30, Sat 9.30 to 4, closed Sun (until May 15).

Watercolours by Stephen Osler of court houses built between 1824 and 1966; photographs by Neil Newton and contemporary prints by Canadian artists, Guildford House Gallery, Guildford; Mon to Sat, 10.30 to 5 (until May 2, except April 9 to 12).

American primitive painting, Worthing Museum and Art Gallery, Mon to Sat, 10 to 5, closed Sun (until May 1).

Shaped paintings, watercolours and films by Willy Tirr, Elizabethan Exhibition Gallery, Brook Street, Wakefield, Mon to Sat, 10.30 too 12.30, 1.30 to 5, closed Sun and bank holidays (until May 1).

Great Yarmouth Guild of Artists and Craftsmen, work by local artists; Exhibition Galleries, Central Library, Tolhouse Street, Great Yarmouth; Mon to Sat, 9.30 *to 5.30, closed Sun (until May 1).*

Original works by George Horton, Moss Galleries, 17 Hallstile Bank, Hexham, Northumberland; Mon to Sat, 10 to 5, closed Thurs and Sun and bank holidays (until April 24).

Last chance to see

Cotswold Lions and Topiary Teapots, paintings by Mary Sumner, Banbury Museum, 8 Horsefair, 10 to 4 (ends today).

The Arrogant Connoisseur, Richard Payne Knight, Whitworth Art Gallery, Manchester University; 10 to 5 (ends today).

Paintings and drawings by Edward Bird, RA, domestic genre scenes of working people in early nineteenth century, Central Art Gallery, Lichfield Street, Wolverhampton, 10 to 6 (ends today).

Paintings by Graham Frank Wright and Barry Ward, Middlesbrough Art Gallery, Middlesbrough, Cleveland, 10 to 6 (ends today).

General

London is. . .Entertainment, exhibition train, Nottingham Station, 10 to 6.

Music

English Sinfonia Concert, *Messiah*, Southwell Minster, Nottinghamshire 7.30.

Lambeth Orchestra, Christ Church, Sutton, Surrey, 7.30

Orchestra da Camera and Leamington Spa Choir, All Saints Church, Leamington Spa, 7.30.

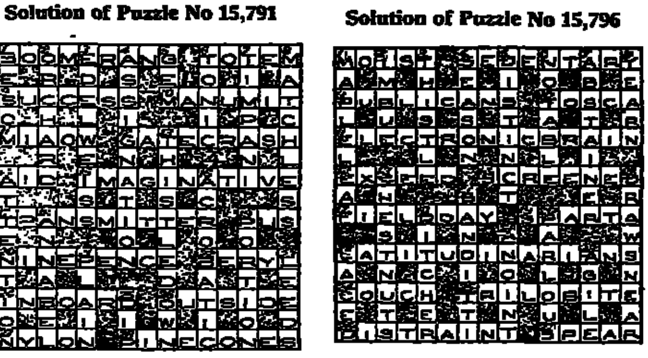
Recital by Ulrike SchÄfer, cello, and Kathron Sturrock, piano, Dorking Halls, Dorking, 7.30.

Recital by Clare McFarlane, violin, and Charles Myers, organ, Clitheroe Parish Church, Clitheroe, Lanceshire, 8.

Lincoln Pro Musica Orchestra, *St John Passion*, by Bach, Lincoln Cathedral, 7.30.

Fauré Requiem, All Saints Church, Chelenham, 7.30.

Solution of Puzzle No 15,791 — Solution of Puzzle No 15,796



The Times Crossword Puzzle No 15,797

A prize of The Times Atlas of the World *(comprehensive edition) will be given for the first correct solution opened next Thursday. Entries should be addressed to: The Times, Saturday Crossword Competition, 12 Coley Street, London WC99 9YT. The winner and solution will be published next Saturday.*

The winner of last Saturday's competition is Mr J. R. Mallinson, Roydon Hall, Ramsey, Harwich.

Name ....

Address ....

ACROSS

1 Comfort Herbert in the throes of defeat (7-3).
6 Skin trouble makes one limb black (4).
9 Asleep in squalid houses by the North Sea (10).
10 Vessel, a 27 (4).
12 Plan formulated in a secret hideaway (4).
13 *Acknowledge by heliograph* (a cinematic device) (5-4).
15 Afflicted bridge players hold four cards (8).
16 Rook in sheep's clothing (6).
18 Stay around or go (6).
20 Light from Rome's gas supply (8).
23 Left one rodent hiding in car (9).
24 Old Italian dress in trunk Sara lost (4).
26 Girl full of love for Nick (4).
27 Music-maker in a way getting people in the groove (10).
28 Drum providing dance music (4).
29 Player second in figure one (10).

DOWN

1 Don't eat quickly (4).
2 Parted — see below (7).
3 'Tis writ to succour the oppressed (6,6).
4 Excellent! Last drop of oil taken from field and refined (8).
5 Nine neatly divided by two in *the end* (6).
7 The bravery of us in prison (7).
8 Fruit that's banned put in by mistake (10).
11 It must win on judgment day (3,4,5).
14 Forecaster who studies the sky (10).
17 Gathered by a rolling stone (8).
19 VIP treatment for Esme? O No! (7).
21 Something attractive and round in vintage car (7).
22 Meal provided by hotel in the German fashion (6).
25 Don't go, says the Cockney, mince pie's swell! (4).

Tomorrow

Royal engagements

The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester attend concert to celebrate sixtieth birthday of Mr Homi Kanga, leader of Commonwealth Philharmonic Orchestra, at Queen Elizabeth Hall, London, 7.05.

New exhibitions

Treasures of Towneley, celebrating 80 years of the museum service, Towneley Hall Art Gallery and Museums, Burnley; Mon to Fri, 10 to 5.30, Sun 12 to 5, closed Sat (until October 3).

Seventh British International Print Biennale, original prints, Cartwright Hall, Lister Park, Bradford; Tues to Sun, 10 to 6, closed Mon (until July 4).

General

Boat Jumble 82: outdoor jumble sale for everything to do with boating, Beaulieu National Motor Museum, Hampshire, from 10.

Reading Society of Model Engineers exhibition, The Hexagon, Reading, 10 to 6.

Gardens open

Today and tomorrow

Cambridgeshire. Docwras Manor, Shepreth, 8m SW of Cambridge; medium-sized garden, unusual shrubs and plants; 2 to 6.

Derbyshire. Lea Rhododendron Gardens, Lea, 5m SE of Matlock; large garden with rhododendrons, azaleas, rock garden. Plants for sale. Daily to July 31; 10 to 7.

Tomorrow.

Avon. *Hill House, Wickwar, 4m* N of Chipping Sodbury; spring bulbs, acres of wild garden, gold and silver planting, foreign bird aviaries. 2 to 6.

Cambridgeshire. Barton, near Cambridge; four gardens in Comberton Road, Nos 11, 31 and 15A, also "The Seven Houses"; 2 to 6.

Cornwall. Tremeer Garden, St *Tudy, 8m* N of Bodmin, *seven* acres, rhododendrons, camellias and other shrubs; 2 to 6.

Gloucestershire. Abbotswood, Stow-on-the-Wold; spring bulbs, heathers, shrubs and formal gardens; 2 to 6. Newark Park, Ozleworth, nr Wotton-under-Edge; 10 acres, spring bulbs, wild and woodland garden; 2 to 6.

Hereford and Worcester. Garnons, 7m W of Hereford on A438 towards Brecon; large garden by Repton, spring flowers; 2 to 5.30.

Kent. Hever Castle, Edenbridge; beautiful gardens, statuary, lake, moated castle; 11.30 to 6.

Northamptonshire. Castle Ashby House, Castle Ashby, 7m from Northampton; Italian gardens, orangery, wild wooded areas; 2 to 5.

Oxfordshire. Kingstone *Lisle* Park, 5m W of Wantage; daffodils and spring flowers, plants for sale; 2 to 6.

In the garden

If the soil is workable sow broad beans, early peas, onions, radishes, lettuces and parsnips. Sow parsley in a square patch near the house so that it is easy to cover with a cloche for winter protection and near enough to pop out to pick a few leaves without having to make a journey up the garden. Pour boiling water into the drills before sowing the parsley seed. It helps germination.

Start dahlia tubers into growth by setting them up in a temperature of about 60°F and spraying them every day with tepid water.

Begonia tubers too may be bought now and set up to sprout in a temperature of 60°F. Old tubers will probably produce a number of growths; they may be divided as long as there is at least one shoot on each piece.

The Pound

	Bank buys	Bank sells
Australia $	1.76	1.68
Austria Sch	31.70	29.70
Belgium Fr	96.50	91.00
Canada $	2.26	2.17
Denmark Kr	15.34	14.54
Finland Mkk	8.60	8.15
France Fr	11.62	11.02
Germany DM	4.49	4.24
Greece Dr	115.00	108.00
Hongkong $	10.80	10.20
Ireland Pd	1.27	1.22
Italy Lir	2410.00	2310.00
Japan Yn	466.00	440.00
Netherlands Gld	4.96	4.70
Norway Kr	11.38	10.78
Portugal Esc	133.00	126.00
Sth Africa Rd	2.18	2.02
Spain Pta	193.50	184.50
Sweden Kr	11.06	10.48
Switzerland Fr	3.62	3.40
USA $	1.85	1.78
Yugoslav Dnr	97.00	91.00

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

London: The *FT* Index closed 0.9 up at 571.0.

Papers

The Argentine Government is making trouble because it is in deep trouble at home, the Daily Mirror says. "There is nothing like patriotic hysteria to make its citizens forget 140 per cent inflation." The Argentine action is outrageous, the paper adds, "But this is still a dispute for diplomats and politicians to solve, not generals and admirals".

From Paris, Le Monde said yesterday: "The fate of such scattered 'confetti' islands, inhabited or not, interests not only Britain but also France when it concerns those from the times of her former empire. And the refusal of the South Georgians to change their nationality deserves more than respect."

The New York Times challenged Mr Reagan's remarks about Soviet superiority, calling his language "misleading, if not plain false", and saying: "Their quest for superiority may never threaten the Russians, but it certainly threatens the concepts of stable parity that underlie all efforts at arms control. Until their zeal is put on ice, there can be no freeze."

Roads

Midlands: M5: All traffic sharing one carriageway between Worcester and Strensham (junctions 7 and 8). **M6:** Two-way traffic on one carriageway between junctions 1 (Rugby) and 2 (Coventry). **A57:** Two sets of *roadworks* and temporary signals at Snake Pass, Derbyshire.

North: A1: Several lane closures on Catterick bypass. **A59:** Temporary signals at Skipton.

Wales and the West: M5: Lanes closed southbound between junctions 28 (Collompton) and 29 (Honiton).

M8: Lane closures on both carriageways between 8.30 am and 1 pm at Helen Street and Hillington, Glasgow West. **A94:** Temporary signals in use on Perth to Coupar Angus Road.

Information from: Automobile Association.

Sporting fixtures

Football: FA Cup and Scottish *Cup semi-finals*. Full English and Scottish programmes.
Rugby Union: John Player Cyp semi-finals.
Rugby League: Cup semi-final: Widnes v Leeds.
Equestrianism: Birmingham International Brigstock horse trials.
Squash: British Open at Bromley.
Golf: Halford Hewitt at Deal.
Swimming: National Short Course championships at Nuneaton.
Rowing: Sculler Heads of the River races from Mortlake.
Bowls: English indoor championship at Rugby.

Buenos Aires flight

British Caledonian flight BR662 from South America due this afternoon will not be calling at Buenos Aires. Passengers due to board in Buenos Aires will be flown to Rio de Janeiro by Air France to join the British Caledonian flight.

Anniversaries

Today: George Herbert, poet, was born at Montgomery Castle, 1593, and Washington Irving in New York, 1783. Bartolomé Murillo died in Cadiz, 1682, and Johannes Brahms in Vienna, 1897.

Tomorrow: Grinling Gibbons was born at Rotterdam, 1648. Oliver Goldsmith died in London, 1774.

Weather

Troughs of low [illegible]essure will move into W[illegible] and N areas

6 am to midn[illegible]t

London, East Anglia, E, c[illegible], N, NE, England: Mist or fog patches [illegible] clearing, sunny periods developing, be[illegible]g cloudier later; wind SW, light; max temp [illegible] (54F).

SE, central S, NW, England, [illegible]ands, Isle of Man, Northern Ireland: Mis[illegible]g patches at first, becoming cloudy with [illegible] later; wind mainly S, light; max temp 10[illegible] 13C (50 to 55F).

Channel Islands, SW Eng[illegible], S Wales: Cloudy with rain; wind SE, mo[illegible]e to fresh; max temp 11C (52F).

Lake District, Borders, [illegible]burgh and Dundee, Aberdeen, SW Sco[illegible], Glasgow: Mist or fog patches soon [illegible]ing, sunny periods developing, becomin[illegible] cloudier later; wind SW, light; max temp 12[illegible]F).

Central Highlands, Argy[illegible]ly cloudy, scattered showers; wind W, [illegible] moderate; max temp 9C (54F).

Moray Firth, NE Sco[illegible], Orkney, Shetland: Cloudy, outbreaks [illegible] rain, showery later; wind W, moderate to fre[illegible] max temp 7C (45F).

Outlook for tomorrow and [illegible]day: Rain in the W and S at times, oth[illegible]ise dry with bright intervals. Rather [illegible], becoming colder in the N and E, w[illegible] slight frost in places.

SEA PASSAGES: S North Sea, Straits of Dover, English Channel E: Wind, backing S; Light, increasing moderate; Sea slight. St George's Channel: Wind of [illegible] to Gale; sea rough or very rough. [illegible] Sea: Fresh, increasing strong; sea mo[illegible] becoming rough.

TODAY — Sun rises: 6.32 am. Sun sets: 7.37 pm. Moon sets: 4.47 am. Moon rises: 1.39 pm. Full Moon: April 8

TOMORROW — Sun rises: 6.30 am. Sun sets: 7.38 pm. Moon sets: 5.22 am. Moon rises: 2.54 pm. Full Moon: April 8

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: s, sun; f, fair; c, cloud.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	s	9	48	Guernsey	f	10	50
Birmingham	f	11	52	Inverness	f	10	50
Blackpool	s	10	50	Jersey	s	11	52
Bristol	s	11	52	London	c	12	54
Cardiff	s	12	54	Manchester	f	10	50
Edinburgh	c	10	50	Newcastle	c	11	52
Glasgow	f	10	50	Ronaldsway	f	9	48

Lighting up time

London 8.07 p.m. to 6.00 a.m.
Bristol 8.16 p.m. to 6.10 a.m.
Edinburgh 8.24 p.m. to 6.07 a.m.
Manchester 8.17 p.m. to 6.23 a.m.
Penzance 8.27 p.m. to 6.23 a.m.

TOMORROW
London 8.08 p.m. to 5.58 a.m.
Bristol 8.18 p.m. to 6.08 a.m.
Edinburgh 8.26 p.m. to 6.04 a.m.
Manchester 8.19 p.m. to 6.04 a.m.
Penzance 8.28 p.m. to 6.21 a.m.

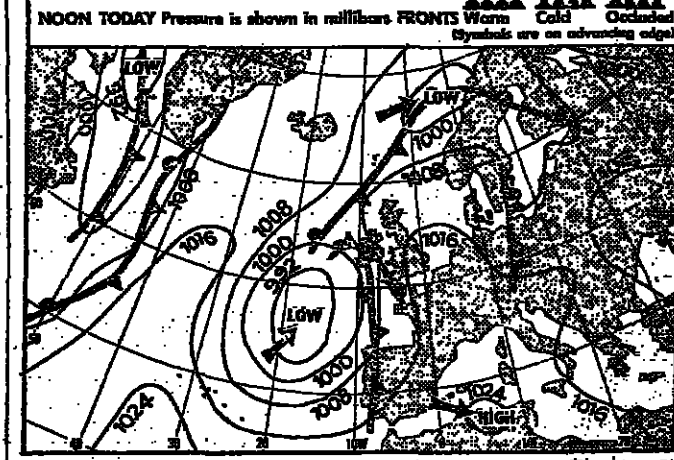
London

Temp: max 7 am to 7 pm, 14°C, (57°F); min 7 pm to 7 am, 8°C, (46°F). Humidity: 7 pm, 49 per cent. Rain: 24 hr to 7 pm, 0.02in. Sun: 24 hr to 7 pm, 1.2. Bar, mean sea level 7 pm, 1,016.1 millibars, rising. 1,000 millibars = 29.53 in.

Sport on TV

BBC1: 12.15, Grandstand: 12.25, football focus, 1, around Aintree, 1.15, the fences, 1.30, *Who's on the Favourite?* 1.50, racing, 2.10, fancied runners, 2.20, meet the jockeys, 2.25, racing, 2.45, runners and riders, 2.50, Grand National parade, 3.20, Grand National, 3.45, half-time scores, 3.55, Rugby League, State Express Challenge Cup second semi-final, 4.35, final scores; 10.10, Match of the Day special.

ITV: 12.15, World of Sport: *12.20*, on the ball, *12.45*, motor cycling, 1, darts, 1.20, ITV Four — racing, 1.40, drag racing.



NOON TODAY

b–blue sky; bc–blue sky and cloud; c–cloudy; o–overcast; f–fog; d–drizzle; h–hail; m–mist; r–rain; s–snow; th–thunderstorm; p–showers; prs–periodical rain with snow. Wind speed in mph.

Around Britain

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	2.0	.05	8	46	Showers
Bridlington	2.7	.07	8	46	Showers
Cromer	4.5	.03	7	45	Sun int
Lowestoft	8.1	.13	8	46	Sun pd
Clacton	8.0	.03	9	48	Showers
Margate	6.3	.05	7	45	Sun pd
Folkestone	7.5	.13	9	48	Showers
Hastings	8.3	.02	10	50	Gale
Eastbourne	8.5	—	11	52	Sun pd
Worthing	8.7	—	11	52	Sun pd
Littlehmptn	8.8	—	11	52	Sunny
Bognor R	8.1	—	11	52	Sun pd
Southsea	*	—	11	52	*
Shanklin	8.4	—	11	52	Sunny
Bournemouth	3.2	—	9	48	Sun int
Poole	3.2	.01	9	48	Showers
Swanage	2.7	—	9	48	Cloudy
Weymouth	4.2	—	10	50	Sun int
Guernsey	8.1	—	10	50	Sun pd
Scilly Isles	7.8	—	10	50	Sun pd
Newquay*					
Ilfracombe	4.6	—	9	48	Sun int
Tenby	7.8	—	9	48	Sun pd
Anglesey	7.4	—	8	46	Sun pd
Colwyn Bay	10.5	—	7	45	Sunny
Southport	4.8	—	8	46	Sun int
Blackpool	6.8	—	9	48	Sun pd
Morecambe	5.1	—	10	50	Sun int
Douglas	4.9	—	8	46	Sun int
Aldergrove	4.1	—	10	50	Sun int
Eskdalemuir	1.7	—	9	48	Cloudy
Prestwick	2.2	—	8	46	Cloudy
Abbotsinch	1.4	—	9	48	Cloudy
Tiree	1.0	—	10	50	Cloudy
Stornoway	—	—	9	48	Cloudy
Lerwick	0.2	.02	8	46	Rain
Wick	0.1	—	11	52	Cloudy
Kinloss	0.2	—	10	50	Cloudy
Dyce	0.6	—	10	50	Cloudy
Leuchars	2.0	—	10	50	Cloudy
Dunbar	2.2	—	10	50	Cloudy

National days

After 301 yeas as a French colony, Senegal became independent in federation with Mali on April 4, 1959. Hungary celebrates April 4 as its anniversary of post-war liberation in 1945.

High tides

TODAY

	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	10.01	6.2	10.39	6.0
Aberdeen	10.05	3.4	11.03	3.6
Avonmouth	3.06	10.0	3.57	10.1
Belfast	7.32	3.0	8.35	2.9
Cardiff	2.52	9.4	3.44	9.4
Devonport	1.39	4.4	2.46	4.2
Dover	7.28	5.3	8.19	5.3
Falmouth	1.09	4.2	2.18	4.0
Glasgow	8.24	3.9	10.33	3.8
Harwich	8.05	3.4	8.50	3.2
Holyhead	7.03	4.6	7.55	4.6
Hull	2.31	6.1	3.08	6.0
Ilfracombe	2.03	7.1	2.59	7.1
Leith	11.27	4.6		
Liverpool	7.42	7.6	8.31	7.8
Lowestoft	6.02	2.2	6.18	2.0
Margate	8.12	4.1	8.48	4.0
Milford Haven	2.23	5.4	3.16	5.4
Newquay	1.23	5.5	2.15	5.5
Oban	3.13	2.9	3.57	3.0
Penzance	12.56	4.4	1.59	4.2
Portland	2.34	1.4	3.47	1.3
Portsmouth	7.58	3.7	8.56	3.9
Shoreham	7.39	4.9	8.33	5.2
Southampton	7.32	3.9	8.28	4.0
Swansea	2.31	7.3	3.25	7.4
Tees			12.39	4.3
Walton-on-Naze	8.00	3.5	8.38	3.4

Tide measurement in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

TOMORROW

	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	11.26	6.4	[illegible]	[illegible]
Aberdeen	11.19	3.6	[illegible]	[illegible]
Avonmouth	4.34	10.4	5.23	10.8
Belfast	8.49	3.1	9.43	3.0
Cardiff	4.21	9.8	5.10	10.1
Devonport	3.21	4.6	4.14	4.5
Dover	9.08	5.5	9.36	5.7
Falmouth	2.51	4.4	3.44	4.3
Glasgow	10.33	3.9	11.52	4.1
Harwich	9.29	3.6	10.04	3.4
Holyhead	8.20	4.8	9.01	4.9
Hull	4.07	6.3	4.28	6.3
Ilfracombe	3.37	7.5	4.19	7.7
Leith	12.04	4.8	12.42	4.8
Liverpool	9.04	8.0	9.45	8.2
Lowestoft	7.25	2.2	7.29	2.1
Margate	9.47	4.2	10.11	4.2
Milford Haven	3.54	5.7	4.38	5.8
Newquay	2.52	5.8	3.32	5.9
Oban	4.25	3.2	4.53	3.2
Penzance	2.31	4.6	3.20	4.5
Portland	4.05	1.5	5.07	1.5
Portsmouth	9.18	3.9	10.04	4.1
Shoreham	9.06	5.1	9.46	5.3
Southampton	8.52	4.0	9.34	4.2
Swansea	4.01	7.7	4.45	7.9
Tees	1.28	4.5	1.53	4.5
Walton-on-Naze	9.27	3.7	9.58	3.6

Tide measurement in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

Abroad

MIDDAY; c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.

		C	F			C	F			C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	c	16	61	Copenhgn	s	14	57	Majorca	f	16	61	Rome	c	17	63
Akrotiri	c	19	66	Corfu	c	16	61	Malaga	c	19	66	Salzburg	f	18	64
Alexandria	s	36	97	Dallas				Malta	c	15	59	Sao Paulo			
Algiers				Dublin	r	8	46	Melbourne				S Francisco			
Amsterdam	c	16	61	Dubrovnik	c	17	63	Mexico C				Santiago			
Athens	c	13	55	Faro	c	16	61	Miami				Seoul	f	10	50
Bahrain	s	25	77	Florence	c	20	68	Milan	s	17	63	Singapore	c	[illegible]	[illegible]
Barbados				Frankfurt	s	16	61	Montreal				Stockholm	s	[illegible]	[illegible]
Barcelona	s	15	59	Funchal	c	17	63	Moscow	c	6	43	Strasbourg	c	15	59
Beirut	f	22	72	Geneva	c	11	52	Munich	s	15	59	Sydney			
Belgrade	f	16	61	Gibraltar	f	16	61	Nairobi	c	19	66	Tangier	f	17	63
Berlin	s	18	64	Helsinki	s	10	50	Naples	f	19	66	Tehran			
Bermuda				Hongkong	r	20	68	New Delhi	s	29	84	Tel Aviv			
Biarritz	s	14	57	Innsbruck	s	17	63	New York				Tenerife	s	18	64
Boulogne	c	8	46	Istanbul	c	9	48	Nice	s	16	61	Tokyo	c	14	57
Bordeaux	c	14	57	Jo'burg	c	22	72	Oslo	r	2	36	Toronto			
Boston				Jeddah	f	32	90	Ottawa				Tunis	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Brussels	r	12	54	Karachi	s	35	95	Paris	c	10	50	Valencia			
Budapest	f	16	61	Las Palmas	s	19	66	Peking	s	18	64	Vancouver			
Cairo	s	34	93	Lisbon	c	15	59	Prague	f	15	59	Venice	s	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cape Tn	s	27	81	Locarno	c	13	55	Reykjavik	s	3	37	Vienna	s	15	59
C'blanca	c	17	63	L Angeles				Rhodes	c	19	66	Warsaw	s	15	59
Chicago				Luxembg	f	14	57	Riyadh	s	28	82	Washington			
Cologne	s	8	46	Madrid	f	13	55	Rio de Jan				Zurich	s	15	59